

Gulf County, Florida

Annual Financial Statements September 30, 2016

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Honorable Members of the Board of County Commissioners Gulf County, Florida

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 Gulf County, Florida, (the "County"), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2016, 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 the 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, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Gulf County, Florida, as of September 30, 2016, and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof, and the respective budgetary comparison for the general fund, general grants fund, construction and acquisition fund, and the

public improvement fund, for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and schedules of funding progress, share of net pension liability, retirement contributions, and employees contribution for retiree's health insurance other post employment benefits plan 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 statement, 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

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards and state financial assistance, as required by 2 CFR Port 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance) and Chapter 10.550 Rule of the Auditor General of the State of Florida, and the combining nonmajor fund financial statements are presented for purposes of additional analysis and is also not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated April 28, 2017, on our consideration of the Gulf County, Florida's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Gulf County, Florida's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Vance CPA LLC April 28, 2017

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Management's Discussion and Analysis

The Management of the Board of County Commissioners of Gulf County (County) has prepared the following discussion and analysis to (a) assist the reader in focusing on significant financial issues, (b) provide an overview and analysis of the County's financial activities, (c) identify changes in the County's financial position, (d) identify material deviations from the financial plan (approved budget), and (e) highlight significant issues in individual funds. Because the information contained in the Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) is intended to highlight significant transactions, events and conditions, it should be considered in conjunction with the County's financial statements.

The information presented in this financial statement is perhaps best understood when it is considered in the broader perspective of the environment in which the County operates.

General Information

Gulf County was incorporated in 1925 and is located in northwest Florida on the Gulf of Mexico. With an area of 557 square miles and based on the Florida Legislature Office of Economic and Demographic Research has a population of approximately 16,600. Gulf County is a sparse, low density county. Gulf County is a noncharter county governed by the Board of County Commissioners.

The Board of County Commissioners (Board) is the legislative and policy making body of the County. Each of the five commissioners is elected from a separate district. Annually, the Board elects a chairman that serves as the presiding officer. Elections are held every two years for staggered four year terms. The Board employs the County Administrator to implement the policies of the Board, provide organizational leadership and direct business and administrative procedures.

Gulf County provides a broad range of services, including law enforcement; fire protection; rescue; emergency medical services; maintenance of streets, highways, bridges and traffic signals; parks; libraries; limited water and sewer systems; and certain other community and human services.

Financial Highlights

- ➤ The County's total government-wide net position increased 12% or \$5,119,961 from September 30, 2015, to September 30, 2016.
- ➤ The County experienced a 9% increase in general revenue and reduced the expenditures to program revenues by 14%.
- ➤ During the year ended September 30, 2016, the County's general fund expenditures exceeded revenues by \$176,795. This is due to County's conservative approach to budgeting and expenditures.

- For the year ended September 30, 2016, the County's capital assets net of accumulated depreciation increased by \$5,671,977, or by 12%. Major purchases during the fiscal year included building improvements to the White City and South Gulf County Fire stations. New radio equipment was installed at the Beach Fire Department. Other equipment and machinery purchases were an updated radio communication system for use by the County's Sheriff and Ambulance Services. The County also placed a new ambulance and other lifesaving equipment in service. The Public works department purchased three new dump trucks and excavator. The Supervisor or Elections purchased new election equipment to be in compliance with state and federal election requirements. The County also purchased two new trucks for Mosquito Control. These items only represent a sampling of the capital assets which the County invested in during Fiscal year 15-16. The County issued bonds during fiscal year 14-15 to generate new capital for the resurfacing and paving of County roads and expended approximately 1.3 million on road projects.
- The County's property tax base reached a historical high in 2006-2007. However, property values began to decline in 2007-2008 as the United States began to witness the downturn of the real estate market. The County's taxable value of real property for operating purchases increased by 3% in 2015-2016 from 2014-15. The County has the option to offset slight increased or declining property values by raising the millage rate up to the statutory maximum, 10 mills. This offset could be a combination of some increase to millage rates, further reductions in present funding levels to outside agencies, and elimination of non-essential services. The County voted to increase the countywide millage rate for the 2015-2016 budget to 7.2442 from 6.9936 from the prior year. This increase was primarily due to the need for equipment replacement, retirement expense increases, and other factors necessary to continue the same level of service. Gulf County's most recent values and rates are depicted later in a graph under the subheading Taxable Value of Property and Millage Rates.
- ➤ Housing starts and building inspection revenues remained stable during fiscal 15-16 when compared to fiscal year 14-15 and this trend is expected to continue or improve.
- ➤ Tourism is still an important economic factor in the County. Despite Florida Water and Fish Commission decision to shorten the scallop season in the Port St. Joe Bay bed tax revenue remained stable for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2016.
- Sacred Heart Hospital on the Gulf, part of the Sacred Heart Health System, is now operational, opening in March 2010. The County adopted by ordinance in 2005 a discretionary ½ cent small county surtax to help fund the construction of the hospital. An inter-local agreement was entered into with the City of Wewahitchka and the City of Port St. Joe whereby the County will receive all funds generated from the small county surtax and such funds will be used as set forth in the agreement. The additional tax was effective January 1, 2006.

- The County did not issue any new debt during the fiscal year.
- ➤ The County is beginning to assess and evaluate its current economic situation for use in the 2017-2018 budget process.

Overview of the Financial Statements

Management's discussion and analysis serves as an introduction to the County's basic financial statements. The basic financial statements consist of three components:

- 1. Government-wide financial statements
- 2. Fund financial statements
- 3. Notes to the financial statements

In addition, this report presents certain required supplementary information.

Government-wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements provide both short-term and long-term information about the County's overall financial condition in a manner similar to those of a private-sector business.

These statements combine and consolidate governmental fund's current financial resources (short-term expendable resources) with capital assets and long-term obligations. They include a *statement of net position* and a *statement of activities* that are designed to provide consolidated financial information about the governmental activities of the County presented on the accrual basis of accounting.

- ➤ The *statement of net position* provides information about the government's financial position, its assets and liabilities, using an economic resources measurement focus. The difference between the assets and liabilities, the net position, is a measure of the financial health of the County.
- The statement of activities presents information showing how the County's net position changed during the 2016 fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (e.g., uncollected taxes earned, and earned but unused vacation leave). This statement is intended to summarize and simplify the user's analysis of cost of various governmental services. An increase or decrease in net position is an indication of whether the County's financial health is improving or deteriorating.

Both of these financial statements present the functions of the County that are principally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues (governmental activities) from other functions that are intended to recover all or a significant portion of their costs through user fees and charges (business-type activities). The governmental activities of the County include general government, public health and safety, physical environment, transportation, economic environment, human services, culture and recreation, and court related activities. The business-type activities of the County include separate water and sewer systems which are not currently operational and the County is reporting the residual assets associated with these activities.

Over a period of time, changes in the County's net position are an indication of improving or deteriorating financial condition. This information should be evaluated in conjunction with other nonfinancial factors, such as changes in the County's property tax base and the condition of the County's capital assets including infrastructure assets.

Fund Financial Statements

Fund financial statements are one of the components of the basic 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 uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements and prudent fiscal management. Certain funds are established by law while others are created by legal agreements, such as bond covenants. Fund financial statements provide more detailed information about the County's financial activities, focusing on its most significant or major funds rather than fund types. This is in contrast to the entity-wide perspective contained in the government-wide statements. All of the County's funds may be classified in the broad category of *governmental funds*, *proprietary funds*, and *fiduciary (agency) funds* as discussed below.

- ➤ Governmental funds these funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, the governmental funds utilize a spendable financial resources measurement focus rather than the economic resources measurement focus found in the government-wide financial statements. This financial resources measurement focus allows the governmental fund statements to provide information on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources as well as balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. Consequently, the governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view that may be used to evaluate the County's near-term financing requirements. This short-term view is useful when compared to the long-term view presented as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. To facilitate this comparison, both the governmental balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation of governmental funds to governmental activities.
- ➤ Proprietary funds the County maintains one type of proprietary funds which is the enterprise funds. These funds are used to report business-type activities in the government-wide financial statements. The County uses enterprise funds to account for the fiscal activities relating to water and sewer systems in Gulf County. The proprietary funds provide the same type of information as the government-wide financial statements, only in more detail.
- ➤ Fiduciary (agency) funds fiduciary funds are used to report assets held in a trustee or fiduciary capacity for the benefit of parties outside the government. Fiduciary funds are not reflected in the government-wide statements because the resources are not available to support the County's programs. In its fiduciary capacity, the County is responsible for ensuring that the assets reported in these funds are used only for their intended purposes.

Infrastructure Assets

Generally a government's largest group of assets (infrastructure – roads, bridges, traffic signals, and underground pipes not associated with a utility, etc.) are not reported nor depreciated in governmental fund financial statements. GASB Statement No. 34 requires these assets be valued and reported in the governmental column of the government-wide statements. Additionally, the government must elect to either (a) depreciate these assets over their estimated useful life or (b) develop a system of asset management designed to maintain the service delivery potential to near perpetuity. If the government elects the asset management (the modified approach), which periodically (at least every third year), by category, measures and demonstrates its maintenance of locally established levels of service standards, the government may record its costs of maintenance in lieu of depreciation. The County has elected to depreciate its infrastructure assets.

Government-wide Financial Analysis

Statement of Net Position

Net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. County's assets exceeded liabilities (governmental and business-type activities) by approximately \$48 million at the close of the fiscal year ended September 30, 2016, and \$43 million at September 30, 2015.

| Net Position | | | | | | | |
|---|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| | | ntal Activities | | type Activities | 2016 | Total | |
| September 30, | 2016 | 2015 | 2016 | 2015 | 2016 | 2015 | |
| Current assets Capital assets, net Deferred charges & | \$26,283,840 52,043,575 | \$26,228,226 46,371,598 | \$ 257,271 | \$ 26,090 278,307 | \$26,283,840 52,300,846 | \$26,254,316 46,649,905 | |
| Other restricted assets | | | | | | | |
| Total assets | <u>78,327,415</u> | 72,599,824 | 257,271 | 304,397 | 78,584,686 | 72,904,221 | |
| Deferred Outflows | 4,384,724 | 2,198,814 | | | 4,384,724 | 2,198,814 | |
| Current liabilities Long-term liabilities | 2,037,959 33,369,328 | 1,554,025 28,192,116 | | 26,090 — | 2,037,959 33,369,328 | 1,580,115 28,192,116 | |
| Total liabilities | 35,407,287 | 29,746,141 | | 26,090 | 35,407,287 | 29,772,231 | |
| Deferred inflows | (632,816) | 2,234,790 | | | (632,816) | 2,234,790 | |
| Net investment in capital assets Net position - Restricted Net position - Unrestricted | 35,658,575 12,737,660 (458,567) | 29,982,981 12,915,453 (80,727) | 257,271 | 278,307 | 35,915,846 12,737,660 (458,567) | 30,261,288 12,915,453 (80,727) | |
| Total net position | <u>\$47,937,668</u> | \$ 42,817,707 | <u>\$ 257,271</u> | <u>\$ 278,307</u> | <u>\$48,194,939</u> | <u>\$43,096,014</u> | |

Statement of Activities

The following schedule summarizes revenues and expenses for years ended September 30, 2016 and 2015:

Changes in Net Position

| | | Cna | nges in N | et Posi | luon | | | |
|--|---------------------|--------------|-----------|---------------|----------|----------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | Governmen | Bus | iness-ty | ре Ас | tivities | Total | | |
| Year Ended September 30, | 2016 | 2015 | | 16 | | 2015 | 2016 | 2015 |
| Program Revenues - | | | | | | | | |
| Charges for services | \$ 2,295,506 | \$ 2,055,886 | \$ | _ | \$ | _ | \$ 2,295,506 | \$ 2,055,886 |
| Operating grants | | | | | | | | |
| and contributions | 1,392,650 | 955,908 | | _ | | _ | 1,392,650 | 955,908 |
| Capital grants | | | | | | | | |
| and contributions | 5,955,089 | 2,969,870 | | _ | | | 5,955,089 | 2,969,870 |
| General Revenues - | | | | | | | | |
| Property taxes | 10,421,000 | 9,755,040 | | | | _ | 10,421,000 | 9,755,040 |
| Sales taxes | 2,561,814 | 2,757,641 | | _ | | | 2,561,814 | 2,757,641 |
| State shared revenue | 6,545,907 | 3,882,992 | | _ | | | 6,545,907 | 3,882,992 |
| Investment earnings | 23,286 | 76,966 | | _ | | _ | 23,286 | 76,966 |
| Other | 142,240 | 1,570,622 | | | | | 142,240 | 1,570,622 |
| Total revenues | 29,337,492 | 24,024,925 | | | | | 29,337,492 | 24,024,925 |
| Expenses | | | | | | | | |
| General government | 6,843,341 | 6,323,443 | | _ | | | 6,843,341 | 6,323,443 |
| Public safety | 8,040,268 | 7,556,024 | | | | | 8,040,268 | 7,556,024 |
| Physical environment | 1,138,471 | 1,430,028 | | _ | | | 1,138,471 | 1,430,028 |
| Transportation | 2,977,230 | 3,468,346 | | _ | | | 2,977,230 | 3,468,346 |
| Economic environment | 2,430,287 | 1,751,252 | | | | | 2,430,287 | 1,751,252 |
| Human services | 1,543,941 | 1,442,126 | | | | | 1,543,941 | 1,442,126 |
| Culture and recreation | 541,715 | 343,702 | | _ | | | 541,715 | 343,702 |
| Court related | 702,278 | 614,355 | | | | | 702,278 | 614,355 |
| Business type | | | 2 | <u>1,036</u> | | 21,023 | 21,036 | 21,023 |
| Total expenditures | 24,217,531 | 22,929,276 | 2 | 1,036 | | 21,023 | 24,238,567 | 22,950,299 |
| Excess (deficiency) before transfers (net) | 5,119,961 | 1,095,649 | (2 | 1,036) | | (21,023) | 5,098,925 | 1,074,626 |
| Transfers | <u> </u> | 26,090 | | | | (26,090) | | |
| Change in net position | <u>\$ 5,119,961</u> | \$ 1,121,739 | \$ (2) | <u>1,036)</u> | \$ | (47,113) | <u>\$ 5,098,925</u> | <u>\$ 1,074,626</u> |

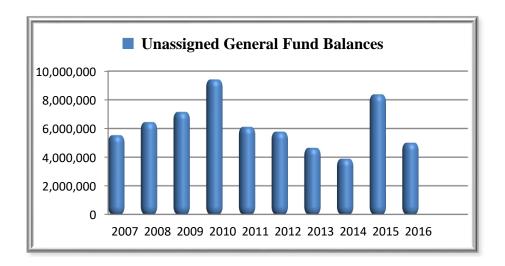
Financial Analysis of Individual Funds

This section provides an analysis of the balances and transactions of individual funds. The County uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

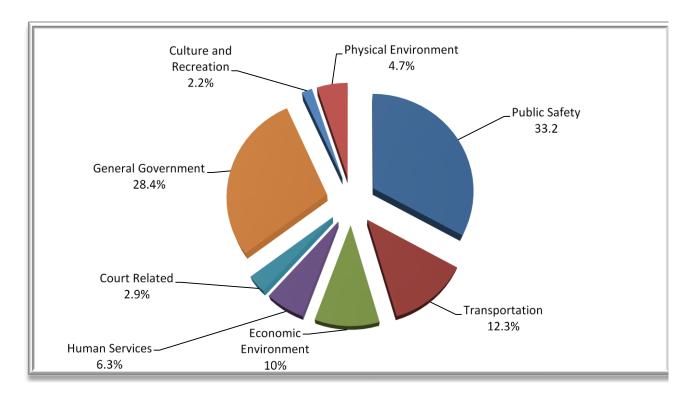
Governmental Funds

The primary purpose of the County's *governmental funds* is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflow, and balances of *spendable resources*. Such information is useful in assessing the County's financing requirements. In particular, *unassigned fund balance* may serve as useful measure of a government's net resources, available for spending, at the end of the current and prior fiscal year. As of September 30, 2016 Gulf County governmental funds reported combined fund balances of \$23,135,769 a decrease of \$408,148 when compared to prior year combined fund balances. The governmental funds had non-spendable fund balances of \$147,353. The restricted fund balance was \$12,737,660 and consists of monies whose expenditure is externally constrained by grantors, creditors, binding law or enabling legislation. Of the remaining \$10,250,756 in fund balance, \$5,223,576 is classified as committed, \$13,404 is recorded as assigned and \$5,013,776 is recorded as unassigned.

➤ General Fund Unrestricted/Undesignated Fund Balance. As depicted in the following graph, the unassigned fund balance of the Board's general fund (the general operating fund of the County) decreased over the past year.



➤ Governmental Activities Expenses by Functions. The following graph depicts the County's total governmental activities expenses by function for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016.



Major Funds

Governmental Funds

The general, fines and forfeitures, construction and acquisition, beach renourishment, and debt service public improvement funds are reported as major governmental funds.

- ➤ The general fund is the general operating fund of the County. All general tax revenues and other receipts that are not required either legally or by generally accepted accounting principles to be accounted for in other funds are accounted for in the general fund.
 - General operating funds of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Property Appraiser, Sheriff, Tax Collector, and Supervisor of Elections represent funds included in the County's general fund that are held and accounted for individually, but presented with the balance of the Board of County Commissioners' operating funds.
- ➤ The Construction & Acquisition fund is used to account for the county's activity to acquire and construct roads with proceeds from the Series 2015 A & B bond issue.

➤ Public Improvement Fund accounts for resources used to account for the accumulation of resources for and the payment of gas tax refunding and improvement revenue bonds.

Proprietary Funds

The County owns the two remaining water systems, Williamsburg/Methodist Hill and Oak Grove. The City of Wewahitchka operates the Williamsburg/Methodist Hill Water System. Although there is not an active inter-local agreement this water system continues to be operated by the City of Wewahitchka under the terms of the 1993 inter-local agreement which terminated in 1994. The City of Port St. Joe operates the Oak Grove Water System. Neither one of these water systems brings any revenue to the County. The only expense to the County for either of these two water systems is depreciation.

Budget Variances in Major Funds

The following budget variances occurred in the major funds during the year ended September 30, 2016.

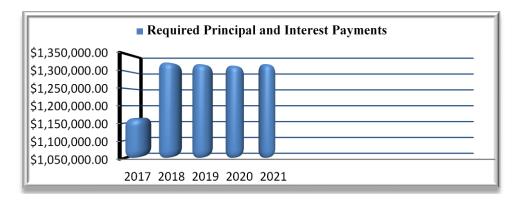
- ➤ Intergovernmental revenue (federal, state, and other local government sources in the form of grants, shared revenues, and payments in lieu of taxes) is \$176,198 more than budgeted in the general fund. Several grants were neither completed nor started in the 2015-2016 fiscal year as originally anticipated therefore actual revenues are less than budgeted.
- ➤ General Fund charges for services include County officer fees, ambulance fees, and tipping fees. The positive variance of \$404,801 is partly due to increased fees.
- ➤ General Fund miscellaneous revenue shows a positive variance of \$52,435. This positive variance is from a combination of rent, and contributions not originally anticipated.
- ➤ All functionally categorized expenditures are less than budgeted.

Other variances disclosed on the major fund budget and actual statements and not noted herein are within expected ranges.

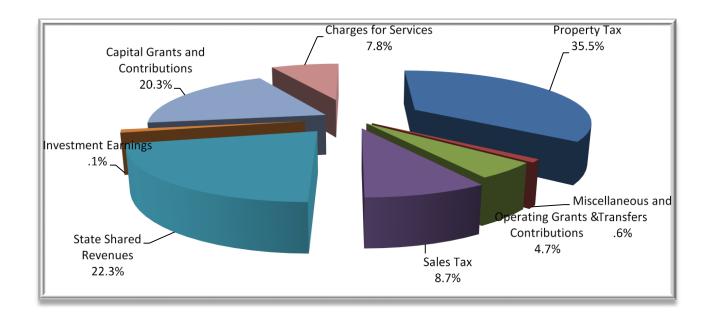
It should be noted that budget expenditure variances shown on the individual major funds are favorable in total.

Capital Assets and Long-Term Debt

➤ Governmental Funds Outstanding Debt. The following graph depicts future principal and interest payments required to be paid by the County from governmental fund resources on outstanding debt as of September 30, 2016. Not shown on this graph are existing scheduled debt repayments for years 2022through 2032.



➤ Governmental Activities Revenues by Source. The following graph depicts the County's total governmental activities revenue by source for the fiscal year.

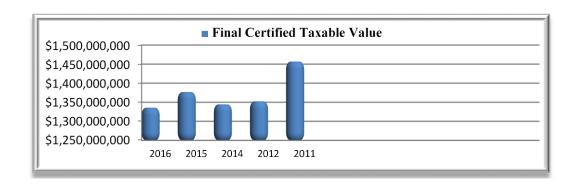


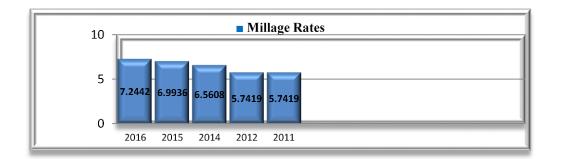
Significant Economic Factors

Taxable Value of Property and Millage Rates

During the year ended September 30, 2016 Gulf County received \$10,421,000 in property taxes based on the certified taxable value of property in Gulf County

Certified Taxable Value by Tax Year

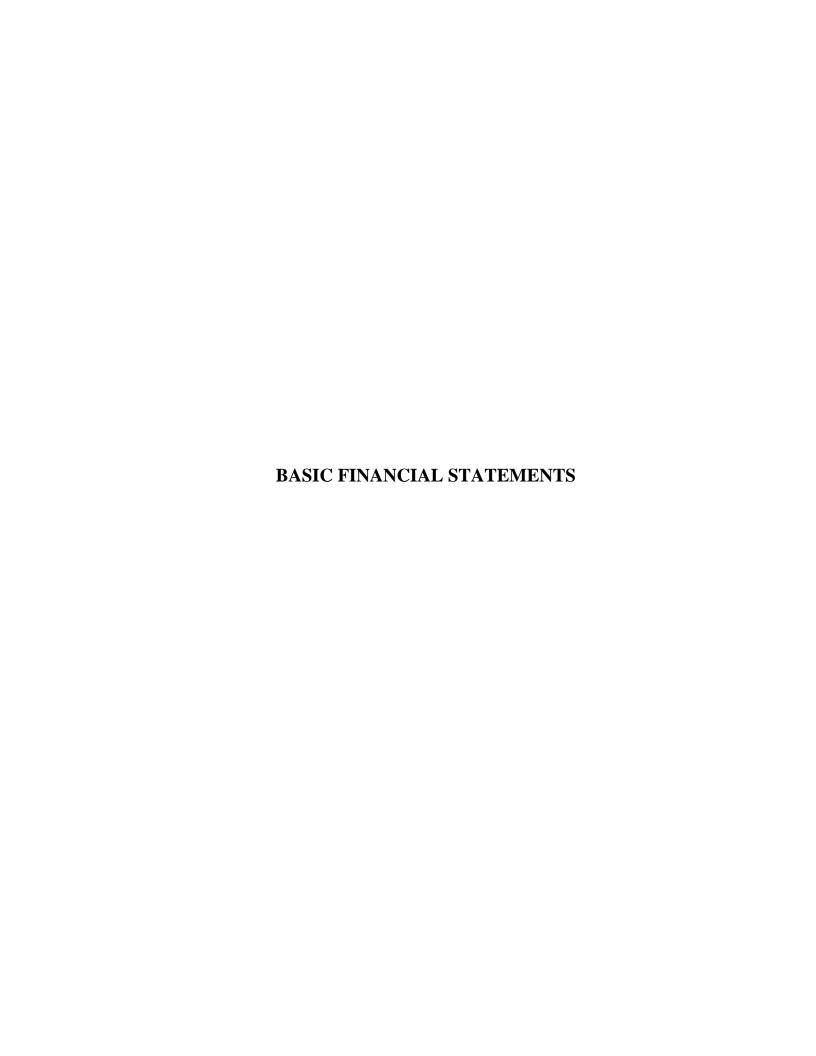




Requests for Information

This report is designed to provide citizens, taxpayers, investors, and creditors with a general overview of the County's finances and to demonstrate compliance and accountability for its resources. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to:

Rebecca L. Norris, Clerk of Circuit Court of Gulf County 1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd., Room 148 Port St. Joe, Florida 32456



GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA STATEMENT OF NET POSITION **SEPTEMBER 30, 2016**

| | Primary Government | | | |
|---|--------------------|----------------------|---------------|--|
| | | Business-type | _ | |
| ASSETS | Activities | Activities | Total | |
| Current assets | | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$21,383,181 | \$ — | \$ 21,383,181 | |
| Receivables (net): | | | | |
| Accounts | 405,009 | _ | 405,009 | |
| Notes receivable | 374,866 | _ | 374,866 | |
| Prepaid expenses | 109,106 | _ | 109,106 | |
| Internal balances | 183,373 | _ | 183,373 | |
| Due from other governments | <u>2,121,796</u> | | 2,121,796 | |
| Total Current Assets | 24,577,331 | | 24,577,331 | |
| Noncurrent assets | | | | |
| Restricted cash and cash equivalents | 1,706,509 | _ | 1,706,509 | |
| Capital assets: Nondepreciable | 7,320,045 | 737 | 7,320,782 | |
| Depreciable (net) | 44,723,530 | 256,534 | 44,980,064 | |
| Total Noncurrent Assets | 53,750,084 | 257,271 | 54,007,355 | |
| Total Assets | 78,327,415 | 257,271 | 78,584,686 | |
| DEFERRED OUTFLOWS | | | | |
| Employee Pension Contributions | 4,384,724 | | 4,384,724 | |
| Total Deferred outflows | 4,384,724 | | 4,384,724 | |
| LIABILITIES | | | | |
| Current liabilities | | | | |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses | 1,955,963 | _ | 1,955,963 | |
| Due to other governments | 81,996 | | 81,996 | |
| Total Current Liabilities | 2,037,959 | | 2,037,959 | |
| Noncurrent liabilities | | | 2,007,505 | |
| Due in less than one year | | | | |
| Compensated absences | 410,035 | _ | 410,035 | |
| Installment contracts and notes payable | 570,000 | _ | 570,000 | |
| Due in more than one year | | | | |
| Compensated absences | 1,230,106 | _ | 1,230,106 | |
| Bonds payable | 15,815,000 | _ | 15,815,000 | |
| Net pension liability | 13,132,090 | _ | 13,132,090 | |
| Other postemployment benefits | 379,000 | _ | 379,000 | |
| Landfill closure liability | 1,833,097 | | 1,833,097 | |
| Total Noncurrent Liabilities | 33,369,328 | | 33,369,328 | |
| Total Liabilities | <u>35,407,287</u> | | 35,407,287 | |

GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA STATEMENT OF NET POSITION – Continued SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

| DEFERRED IN | FLOWS | | | |
|---------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-------------|
| Unearned ex | change transactions | 719,077 | _ | 719,077 |
| Pension earnings | | (1,351,893) | | (1,351,893) |
| Total Deferred Inflows | | <u>(632,816)</u> | | (632,816) |
| NET POSITION | 1 | | | |
| Net investment | in capital assets | 35,658,575 | 257,271 | 35,915,846 |
| Restricted for: | Public safety | 1,246,363 | | 1,246,363 |
| | Physical environment | 1,069,018 | _ | 1,069,018 |
| | Transportation | 647,299 | _ | 647,299 |
| | Economic environment | 1,105,953 | _ | 1,105,953 |
| | Human services | 2,019,593 | _ | 2,019,593 |
| | Culture and recreation | 396,414 | _ | 396,414 |
| | Court | 370,376 | _ | 370,376 |
| | Capital outlay | 4,715,937 | _ | 4,715,937 |
| | Debt service | 1,163,142 | _ | 1,163,142 |
| | Other | 3,565 | _ | 3,565 |
| Unrestricted | | (458,567) | | (458,567) |
| Total Net Position | on | <u>\$ 47,937,668</u> | <u>\$ 257,271</u> \$ | 48,194,939 |

GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

Net (Expense) Revenue and **Changes in Net Position Program Revenues Primary Government** Charges **Operating** Capital **Business** for **Grants and Grants and Governmental** Type Services Contributions Contributions Activities **Functions/Programs** Expenses Activities Total Primary government Governmental activities \$ General government \$ 6,843,341 \$ 364,028 597,571 \$ (5,881,742) \$ (5,881,742)Public safety 8,040,268 1,033,563 292,992 (6,713,713)(6,713,713)Physical environment 1,138,471 249,164 (889,307)(889,307)5,955,089 Transportation 2,977,230 712,243 3,690,102 3,690,102 Economic environment 2,430,287 26,500 (2,403,787)(2,403,787)Human services 1,543,941 43,012 (1,500,929)(1,500,929)77,996 Culture and recreation 541,715 183,411 (280,308)(280,308)Court related 702,278 107,676 (594,602)(594,602)Total Governmental Activities 1,392,650 5,955,089 24,217,531 2,295,506 (14,574,286)(14,574,286)**Business-Type Activities** 21,036 21,036 (21,036)Water **Total Primary** Government \$ 24,238,567 \$2,295,506 \$ 1.392,650 \$ 5,955,089 (14,574,286)(21,036)**General Revenues:** Taxes: Property tax 10,421,000 10,421,000 2,561,814 2,561,814 Sales tax 6,545,907 State shared revenues 6,545,907 Investment earnings 23,286 23,286 Miscellaneous 142,240 142,240 **Total General Revenues** 19,694,247 19,694,247 (21,036)Changes in Net Position 5,119,961 5,098,925 Net Position - Beginning of Year 42,817,707 278,307 43,096,014 Net Position - End of Year \$47,937,668 257,271 48,194,939

GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA BALANCE SHEET – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

| | | | | Construction | | Total |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|
| | General | General | Public | and | | Governmental |
| ASSETS | Fund | Grants | Improvement | Acquisition | <u>Funds</u> | Funds |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 9,764,312 | \$ (573,934) | \$ — | \$ 4,698,217 | \$ 7,494,586 | \$ 21,383,181 |
| Due from other funds | 405,431 | \$ (373,734) | 73,215 | φ 4,070,217 | 134.064 | 612,710 |
| Due from other governments | 643,497 | 947,944 | 150,914 | | 379,441 | 2,121,796 |
| Accounts receivable (net) | 366,672 |)+1,)++ — | 150,514 | | 38,337 | 405,009 |
| Prepaid expense | 102,893 | | 90 | | 6,123 | 109,106 |
| Notes receivable | 102,075 | | <i></i> | | 374,866 | 374,866 |
| Restricted assets | | | | | 374,000 | 374,000 |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 558,296 | | 1,148,213 | _ | | 1,706,509 |
| Total Assets | 11,841,101 | 374,010 | 1,372,432 | 4,698,217 | 8,427,416 | 26,713,176 |
| LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFL AND FUND BALANCE Liabilities Vouchers payable Due to other governments | 994,064 56,888 | 374,010 | 1,500 | 179,263 | 407,127 25,108 | 1,955,963 81,996 |
| Due to other funds | 221,637 | | 207,700 | _ | | 429,337 |
| Total Liabilities | 1,272,589 | 374,010 | 209,200 | 179,263 | 432,234 | 2,467,296 |
| Deferred Inflows | | | | | | |
| Unearned exchanged transactions | 355,976 | | | | 754,136 | 1,110,112 |
| Total Deferred Inflows | 355,976 | | | | 754,136 | 1,110,112 |
| 1 0001 2 0101100 11110 115 | | | | | 70 14200 | 1,110,1112 |
| Fund Balance | | | | | | |
| Nonspendable | 102,804 | _ | 90 | _ | 6,123 | 109,016 |
| Restricted | 891,486 | _ | 1,163,142 | 4,518,954 | 6,202,414 | 12,775,996 |
| Committed | 4,191,066 | _ | _ | _ | 1,032,509 | 5,223,576 |
| Assigned | 13,404 | | _ | _ | | 13,404 |
| Unassigned | 5,013,776 | | | | | 5,013,776 |
| Total fund balance | 10,212,536 | | 1,163,232 | 4,518,954 | 7,241,046 | 23,135,768 |
| Total Liabilities Deferred Inflows | | | | | | |
| & Fund Balance | <u>11,841,101</u> | <u>\$</u> | <u>\$ 1,163,232</u> | <u>\$ 4,518,954</u> | <u>\$ 8,427,416</u> | |
| Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because: Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds. 52,043,575 | | | | | | |
| imanetar resources and therefor | e are not report | ica in the rands. | • | | | 32,043,373 |
| Long-term liabilities are not due period and therefore are not rep | | | | | | (27,632,711) |
| Other long-term assets are not a period expenditures and therefo Net position of governmental activ | re are deferred | | | | | 391,036 \$ 47,937,668 |

GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

| | General | General | Public | Construction and | | Total Governmental |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|---|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| | Fund | Grants | Improvement | Acquisition | Funds | Funds |
| REVENUES | | | | | | |
| Taxes | \$ 10,690,217 | \$ — | \$ 1,166,477 | \$ — | \$ 3,442,984 | \$ 15,299,678 |
| Licenses and permits | 40,219 | _ | _ | _ | 1,000 | 41,219 |
| Intergovernmental | 2,658,764 | 6,567,616 | _ | _ | 1,512,488 | 10,738,868 |
| Fines and forfeitures | 70,663 | , , <u>, </u> | | _ | 11,332 | 81,995 |
| Charges for services | 2,244,082 | _ | _ | _ | 135,886 | 2,379,968 |
| Investment earnings and other | 101,168 | _ | 867 | 4,911 | 69,816 | 176,762 |
| Total Revenues | 15,805,113 | 6,567,616 | 1,167,344 | 4,911 | 5,173,506 | 28,718,490 |
| EXPENDITURES | | | | | | |
| Current | | | | | | |
| General government | 5,848,117 | _ | | _ | 494,465 | 6,342,582 |
| Public safety | 6,304,181 | 162,570 | _ | _ | 487,221 | 6,953,973 |
| Physical environment | 1,146,133 | 146,177 | | _ | 582,633 | 1,874,944 |
| Transportation | 901,312 | 679 | | _ | | 901,991 |
| Economic environment | 374,554 | 26,500 | | _ | 1,924,475 | 2,325,530 |
| Human services | 753,937 | _ | _ | _ | 471,160 | 1,225,097 |
| Culture and recreation | 138,886 | 52,538 | | _ | 233,756 | 425,179 |
| Court related | 611,803 | | | _ | 22,815 | 634,618 |
| Debt service | 2,758 | _ | 514,732 | _ | _ | 517,490 |
| Capital outlay | 568,522 | 6,179,152 | | 434,233 | 743,980 | 7,925,887 |
| Total Expenditures | 16,650,203 | 6,567,616 | 514,732 | 434,233 | 4,960,505 | 29,127,290 |
| Excess (deficiency) of revenues ove | r | | | | | |
| (under) expenditures | (845,090) | | 652,612 | (429,322) | 213,001 | (408,799) |
| Other financing sources (uses) | | | | | | |
| Transfers in | 4,822,435 | _ | _ | _ | 350,829 | 5,173,264 |
| Transfer out | (4,154,141) | _ | | _ | (1,019,123) | (5,173,264) |
| Sale of equipment | _ | _ | | _ | 650 | 650 |
| Debt proceeds | | | | | | |
| Total other financing sources (uses | 668,294 | | | | (667,644) | 650 |
| Net change in Fund Balance | (176,796) | _ | 652,612 | (429,322) | (454,643) | (408,149) |
| Fund balance - beginning | 10,389,332 | | 510,620 | 4,948,276 | 7,695,689 | 23,543,917 |
| Fund balance - ending | <u>\$10,212,536</u> | <u>\$</u> | <u>\$ 1,163,232</u> | <u>\$ 4,518,954</u> | <u>\$ 7,241,046</u> | <u>\$ 23,135,768</u> |

GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

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

| Net change in fund balances – total governmental funds (page 18) | \$ (408,149) |
|---|---------------------|
| Capital outlay, reported as expenditures in governmental funds, are shown as capital assets in the statement of activities net of accumulated depreciation. | 5,671,977 |
| Repayment of long-term debt is reported as an expenditure in governmental funds but as a reduction of long-term liabilities in the statement of net position. | 3,617 |
| Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds. | (163,654) |
| Certain revenues not considered available are not recognized in the governmental funds but are included in the statement of activities. | <u>16,170</u> |
| Change in net position of governmental activities (page 16) | <u>\$ 5,119,961</u> |

GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES – BUDGET AND ACTUAL – GENERAL FUND YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

| | Budget Amounts Original Final | | Actual Amounts | Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative) |
|---|--|--|--|---|
| Revenues: Taxes Licenses and permits Intergovernmental Fines and forfeitures Charges for services Miscellaneous revenues | \$10,968,946 298,000 2,364,356 77,153 1,816,061 44,995 | \$10,968,946 298,000 2,482,666 77,153 1,839,281 48,734 | \$10,690,217 40,219 2,658,764 70,663 2,244,082 101,168 | \$ (278,729) (257,781) 176,098 (6,490) 404,801 52,434 |
| Total revenues | 15,569,511 | 15,714,780 | 15,805,113 | 90,333 |
| Expenditures: Current General government Public safety Physical environment Transportation Economic environment Human services Culture and recreation Court related Debt service Capital outlay | 6,015,300 6,212,752 244,155 1,194,108 383,032 815,721 152,387 604,647 4,987 340,010 | 6,047,652 6,506,371 1,135,144 1,121,384 388,013 841,938 145,667 611,463 4,987 845,836 | 5,848,118 6,304,181 1,146,133 901,312 374,554 753,937 138,886 611,803 2,758 568,522 | 199,534 202,190 (10,989) 220,072 13,459 88,001 6,781 (340) 2,229 277,314 |
| Total expenditures | 15,967,099 | 17,648,455 | 16,650,203 | 998,252 |
| Excess (deficiency) of revenue over (under) expenditures Other financing sources (uses) Transfers in | (397,588) | (1,933,675) | (845,090) 4,822,435 | 1,088,585 1,390,089 |
| Transfers out | (2,769,829) | (3,111,818) | (4,154,141) | 1,042,323 |
| Total other financing Sources (uses) | (584,442) | 320,528 | 668,294 | 2,432,412 |
| Net change in fund balance | (982,030) | (1,613,147) | (176,796) | 3,520,997 |
| Fund balance - beginning | 10,389,332 | 10,389,332 | 10,389,332 | <u></u> |
| Fund balance - ending | <u>\$ 9,407,302</u> | <u>\$ 8,776,185</u> | <u>\$ 10,212,536</u> | <u>\$ 3,520,997</u> |

GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES – BUDGET AND ACTUAL – CONSTRUCTION AND ACQUISITION FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

| | Budget A | mounts | Actual | Variance with Final Budget Positive |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | Original | Final | Amounts | (Negative) |
| Revenues: Investment earnings and other Total revenues | <u>\$</u> | <u>\$</u> | \$ 4,911 4,911 | \$ 4,911 4,911 |
| Expenditures: Current Capital outlay | 5,000,000 | 5,000,000 | 434,233 | 4,565,767 |
| Total expenditures | 5,000,000 | 5,000,000 | 434,233 | 4,565,767 |
| Net change in fund balance | (5,000,000) | (5,000,000) | (429,322) | 4,570,678 |
| Fund balances - beginning | 4,948,276 | 4,948,296 | 4,948,276 | |
| Fund balances - ending | <u>\$ (51,724)</u> | <u>\$ (51,724)</u> | <u>\$ 4,518,954</u> | <u>\$ 4,570,678</u> |

GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES – BUDGET AND ACTUAL – PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

| | Budget A | mounts | Actual | Variance with Final Budget Positive |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | Original | Final | Amounts | (Negative) |
| Revenues: | | | | |
| Taxes | \$ 1,250,136 | \$ 1,250,136 | \$ 1,166,477 | \$ (83,689) |
| Investment earnings Total revenues | 1,250,136 | 1,250,136 | 867 1,167,344 | 867 (82,822) |
| Expenditures: Current | | | | |
| Debt Service | 525,693 | 525,693 | 514,732 | 10,961 |
| Total expenditures | 525,693 | 525,693 | 514,732 | 10,961 |
| Net change in fund balance | 724,443 | 724,443 | 652,612 | (71,831) |
| Fund balances - beginning | 510,620 | 510,620 | 510,620 | <u> </u> |
| Fund balances - ending | <u>\$ 1,235,063</u> | \$ 1,235,063 | \$ 1,163,232 | <u>\$ 71,831</u> |

GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES – BUDGET AND ACTUAL – GENERAL GRANTS FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

| | <u>Budget A</u> Original | mounts Final | Actual Amounts | Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative) | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--|--|--|
| Revenues: | | | | | | |
| Intergovernmental | \$ 9,844,069 | \$10,021,865 | \$ 6,567,616 | \$(3,454,249) | | |
| Total revenues | 9,844,069 | 10,021,865 | 6,567,616 | (3,454,249) | | |
| Expenditures: | | | | | | |
| Current | | | | | | |
| Public safety | 151,304 | 169,396 | 162,570 | 6,826 | | |
| Physical environment | 146,177 | 146,177 | 146,177 | · — | | |
| Transportation | _ | 679 | 679 | _ | | |
| Economic environment | _ | 26,500 | 26,500 | _ | | |
| Culture & recreation | 52,553 | 52,553 | 52,538 | 15 | | |
| Capital outlay | 9,113,768 | 9,275,989 | 6,179,152 | 3,096,837 | | |
| Total expenditures | 9,463,802 | 9,671,294 | 6,567,616 | 3,103,678 | | |
| Net change in fund balance | 380,267 | 350,571 | | (350,571) | | |
| Fund balances - beginning | | | | <u></u> | | |
| Fund balances - ending | <u>\$ 380,267</u> | <u>\$ 350,571</u> | <u>\$</u> | <u>\$ (350,571)</u> | | |

GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA STATEMENT OF NET POSITION PROPRIETARY FUNDS SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

| | Business-type Activities/Enterprise Funds | | | | | |
|---|--|----------------|---|-------------|---------------------------------|----------------|
| | Oak Grove | | Williamsburg and Methodist <u>Hill</u> | | Total Business-type Funds | |
| Assets | | | | | | |
| Noncurrent assets | | | | | | |
| Capital assets Land Buildings and utility system Less allowance for | \$ | 737 269,453 | \$ | 571,925 | \$ | 737 841,378 |
| depreciation | | (255,970) | | (328,874) | | (584,844) |
| Total noncurrent assets | | 14,220 | | 243,051 | | 257,271 |
| Total assets | | 14,220 | _ | 243,051 | | 257,271 |
| Net position Net investment in capital assets Unrestricted | | 14,220 | _ | 243,051 | | 257,271 — |
| Total net position | \$ | 14,220 | \$ | 243,051 | \$ | 257,271 |

GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION PROPRIETARY FUNDS YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

| | • | | | | Total usiness-type | |
|--|-------|---------------|----|----------|-----------------------|--------------|
| | _ | Grove | | Hill | _ | <u>Funds</u> |
| Operating revenues Charges for services | \$ | | \$ | | \$ | |
| Operating expenses Depreciation | _ | 6,73 <u>6</u> | | 14,300 | | 21,036 |
| Total operating expenses | | 6,736 | | 14,300 | | 21,036 |
| Operating income (loss) and change in net position | l | (6,736) | | (14,300) | | (21,036) |
| Net position - beginning | | 20,956 | | 257,351 | | 278,307 |
| Net position - ending | \$ | 14,220 | \$ | 243,051 | \$ | 257,271 |

GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS PROPRIETARY FUNDS YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

| | Business-type | rprise Funds | |
|---|-------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| | Oak Grove | Williamsburg and Methodist <u>Hill</u> | Total Business-type Funds |
| Cash flow from operating activities Payments to suppliers | \$ 26,09 <u>0</u> | \$ — | \$ (26,090) |
| Net cash used by operating activities | 26,090 | | (26,090) |
| Net increase in cash and cash equivalents | (26,090) | _ | (26,090) |
| Cash and cash equivalents - beginning | 26,090 | | (26,090) |
| Cash and cash equivalents - ending | <u>\$</u> | <u>\$</u> | <u>\$</u> (continued |

GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS PROPRIETARY FUNDS (continued) YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

| | Business-type Activities/Enterprise Funds | | | | | | |
|---|---|----------------------|-----------|--|-----------|----------|--|
| Reconciliation of operating income (loss) to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities Operating income (loss) | | Oak Grove | | Williamsburg and Methodist Hill | | | |
| | | (6,736) | \$ | (14,300) | \$ | (21,036) | |
| Adjustments to reconcile Operating income (loss) To net cash provided By (used in) operating Depreciation | | 6,736 | | 14,300 | | 21,036 | |
| Decrease in payables Total adjustments | _ | (26,090) (19,354) | | 14,300 | | (5,054) | |
| Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities | <u>\$</u> | (26,090) | <u>\$</u> | <u> </u> | <u>\$</u> | (26,090) | |

GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION FIDUCIARY FUNDS SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

| Assets | Agency Funds |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Cash and Cash Equivalents | \$ 703,945 |
| Accounts receivable (net) | 770 |
| Due from other funds | 43 |
| Total Assets | 704,758 |
| Liabilities | |
| Due to individuals | 633,089 |
| Due to other funds | 32,031 |
| Due to Board of County Commissioners | 11,063 |
| Due to other governments | 28,575 |
| Total Liabilities | <u>\$ 704,758</u> |

GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Reporting Entity

Gulf County, Florida (County) located in Northwest Florida, is a political subdivision of the State of Florida and provides services to approximately 16,000 residents in many areas including general government, public safety, physical environment, transportation, economic environment, human services, and culture and recreation. The County is governed by a five-member elected Board of County Commissioners (Board), which derives its authority from Florida Statutes and regulations. In addition to the members of the Board, there are five elected constitutional officers: Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sheriff, Tax Collector, Property Appraiser and Supervisor of Elections.

The elected offices of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sheriff, Tax Collector, Property Appraiser, and Supervisor of Elections are operated as separate County agencies in accordance with applicable provisions of Florida Statutes. These constitutional officers operate on a budget system whereby County-appropriated funds are received from the Board and unexpended funds are returned to the Board. The Clerk of the Circuit Court operates as a fee officer by retaining various fees collected by this office and billing the Board for certain services provided. Separate accounting records and budgets are maintained by each individual office.

As required by Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 14, The Reporting Entity, the financial reporting entity consists of the primary government (composed of the Board of County Commissioners and Constitutional Officers) and the County's component units, for which the primary government is considered to be financially accountable. Also included are other entities whose exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. Each potential component unit is individually evaluated using specific criteria outlined in GASB Statement No. 14 to determine whether the entity is: a) part of the primary government; b) a component unit which should be included in the reporting entity (blended or discretely presented); or c) an organization which should be excluded from the reporting entity entirely. The principal criteria for classifying a potential component unit include the legal separateness of the organization, the financial accountability of the primary government for the potential component unit resulting from either the primary government's ability to impose its will on the potential component unit's fiscal dependency on the primary government. The dependent special districts, Howard Creek Fire Control, Overstreet Fire Control, St. Joe Fire Control, Tupelo Fire Control, and Highland View Water and Sewer District are considered component units, and are blended in the financial statements of the County as part of the enterprise funds and the special revenue funds. There are no other entities for which there were positive responses to specific criteria used for establishing oversight responsibility that were excluded from the County's financial statements.

GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

The County was established by the constitution of the State of Florida, Article VIII, Section 1 (e). Dependent special districts were created as follows: Highland View Water and Sewer District, Laws of Florida Chapter 61-2212; Howard Creek Fire District, Laws of Florida Chapter 79-467; Overstreet Fire District, Laws of Florida Chapter 78-513; St. Joe Fire District, Laws of Florida Chapter 47-24541; and Tupelo Fire District, Laws of Florida Chapter 70-696.

All fire Districts were conformed and re-established by County Ordinance #1996-12.

The accounting policies of the County conform to U.S. generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governments. The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies.

B. Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of activities) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the primary government and its component units. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities, which are normally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support. Likewise, the primary government is reported separately from certain legally separate component units, if any, for which the primary government is financially accountable.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program revenues include: a) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment; and, b) 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 revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds, proprietary funds, and fiduciary funds, even though the latter are excluded from the government-wide financial statements. Major individual governmental funds and major individual enterprise funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

The County reports three major governmental funds:

- General Fund The general fund is the County's primary operating fund. It is used to
 account for all resources traditionally associated with governmental activities except
 those required to be accounted for in other funds.
- Construction and Acquisition This fund is used to account for activity relating to the construction and acquisition of capital assets.
- Public Improvement This fund is used to account for the accumulation of resources for and the payment of gas tax refunding and improvement revenue bonds.
- General Grants Fund Established in FY2015-2016 to consolidate grant funding of various functions that have typically been included in the General Fund. This fund is intended to be 100% grant revenue funded and does not include any non-grant expenditures. Expenditures for local match requirements are charged to the appropriate operating, special revenue, for capital budget based on the specifics of the expenditure and matching requirements.

The County reports each of the enterprise funds as major funds. Each fund is used to account for activity of the utility for area served.

The County reports one type of fiduciary fund, agency funds, which are used to account for the collection and disbursement of funds by the County on behalf of other governments and individuals.

C. 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, as are the proprietary fund and fiduciary fund financial statements. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of the related cash flows.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the County considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences are recorded only when payment is due.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from nonoperating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. The County's enterprise activities are operated and maintained by local cities. The County receives the amounts billed to customers for the required debt service and bond payments. The terms of these interlocal agreements are described in note 18.

D. Enterprise Activities

For enterprise activities, the County applies all applicable GASB pronouncements.

E. Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

General governmental revenue and expenditures accounted for in budgetary funds are controlled by a budgetary accounting system in accordance with various legal requirements which govern the County's operations. Budgets are monitored at varying levels of classification detail; however, expenditures cannot legally exceed total appropriations at the individual fund level. All budget changes that affect the total of a fund's budget must be approved by the Board.

The budgetary information presented for the general fund and any major governmental funds is prepared on the modified accrual basis. Encumbrances are not recorded. Unexpended items at year-end must be reappropriated in the subsequent year.

F. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents consist of those deposits made locally in commercial banks and investments purchased through the Florida Local Government Investment Trust. All deposits in commercial banks are with qualified public depositories authorized by Chapter 280, Florida Statutes. The deposits are insured through FDIC and Florida's multiple financial institution collateral pool. The Florida Local Government Investment Trust deposits are maintained in investment pools which invest primarily in highly liquid commercial paper, repurchase agreements, bankers' acceptance notes and United States Government obligations. The County follows GASB Statement No. 31, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Certain Investments and for External Investment Pools, in reporting on investments owned. Generally, this statement requires various investments be reported at fair value, including debt securities and open-ended mutual funds.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

G. Accounts Receivable

The County's and its component units accounts receivable, other than ambulance service accounts receivable as described in note 12, are deemed to be entirely collectible. Therefore, an allowance for uncollectible accounts receivable has not been recorded.

H. Due from (to) Other Funds

Activity between funds that are representative of lending/borrowing arrangements outstanding at the end of the fiscal year are referred to as "due to/from other funds." Any residual balances outstanding between the governmental activities and business-type activities are reported in the government-wide financial statements as "internal balances" when applicable.

I. Inventories

Inventory items of materials and supplies, which are not significant in amount, are considered expenditures when purchased in the governmental funds. The balance of physical inventory on hand at fiscal year-end has not been recorded because the amount is not considered material.

J. Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant, equipment, and infrastructure assets (e.g., roads, right of ways, stormwater system, sidewalks, and similar items), are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activities columns in the government-wide financial statements. Machinery and equipment with an initial, individual cost of more than \$1,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of one year are recorded as capital assets. Buildings, roads, bridges, and sidewalks are capitalized when their initial costs exceed \$25,000 and possess estimated useful lives of more than one year. Capital assets are recorded at historical cost when purchased or constructed or estimated historical cost if actual cost is unknown. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation. The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that does not add to the value of an asset or materially extend its useful life is expenses as incurred.

Property, plant and equipment are depreciated using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets, which are generally as follows:

| Buildings | 50 years |
|-------------------------|-------------|
| Improvements | 50 years |
| Machinery and equipment | 5-20 years |
| Infrastructure | 15-25 years |

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed. For assets constructed with governmental fund resources, interest during the construction period is not capitalized.

K. Deferred Inflows

Deferred inflows reported in the government-wide financial statements represent unearned revenues. The deferred inflows will be recognized as revenue in the fiscal year they are earned in accordance with the accrual basis of accounting. Deferred inflows reported in governmental fund financial statements represent unearned revenues or revenues which are measurable but not available, and in accordance with the modified accrual basis of accounting, are reported as deferred revenues.

L. Compensated Absences

The County maintains a policy that permits employees to accumulate earned but unused vacation and sick pay benefits that will be paid to employees upon separation from County service if certain criteria are met. These benefits, plus their related tax and retirement costs are classified as compensated absences. Employees may be paid for unused vacation hours accrued up to a maximum amount. Payment of unused sick leave, upon termination, is also provided for up to varying amounts.

Both the current and long-term portion of compensated absences are accrued and reported in the government-wide financial statements. No expenditure is reported in the government fund level statements for these amounts until payment is made. Compensated absences liability is based on current rates of pay. This is accounted for pursuant to GASB Statement No.16, *Accounting for Compensated Absences*.

M. Property Taxes

Under Florida law, the assessment of all properties and the collection of all county, municipal and school board property taxes are consolidated in the offices of the Property Appraiser and Tax Collector. The laws of the State regulating tax assessment are also designed to assure a consistent property valuation method statewide. Florida Statutes permit counties to levy property taxes at a rate of up to 10 mills for general operations. The 2016 tax year millage rate assessed by the County was 7.2442 mils.

The tax levy of the County is established by the Board prior to October 1, of each year and the Property Appraiser incorporates the County millage rates into the total tax levy, which includes the various municipalities, the county school board, and other taxing authorities.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

All property is assessed according to its fair market value January 1, of each year. Each assessment roll is submitted to the Executive Director of the Florida Department of Revenue for review to determine if the rolls meet all of the appropriate requirements of Florida Statutes.

All taxes become payable on November 1, of each year, or as soon thereafter as the assessment roll is certified and delivered to the Tax Collector. All unpaid taxes become delinquent on April 1 following the year in which they are assessed. Discounts are allowed for early payment at the rate of 4% in the month of November, 3% in the month of December, 2% in the month of January and 1% in the month of February. Taxes paid in March are without discount.

On or prior to June 1, following the tax year, tax certificates are sold for all delinquent taxes on real property. After sale, tax certificates bear interest of 18% per year or at any lower rate bid by the buyer. Application for a tax deed on any unredeemed tax certificates may be made by the certificate holder after a period of two years. Unsold tax certificates are held by the County.

N. Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principle requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

O. Use of Restricted Assets

It is generally the practice of the County to utilize restricted net position before unrestricted net assets when possible.

P. Encumbrances

Encumbrances represent commitments related to unperformed contracts for goods and services which are chargeable to an appropriation and for which a part of the appropriation is reserved. Encumbrances do not represent expenditures or liabilities. Encumbrances outstanding at year end lapse and are reappropriated in the subsequent year.

Q. Long-Term Obligations

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

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

R. Subsequent Events

The County evaluated subsequent events through April 28, 2017, the date which the financial statements were available to be issued. The County did not have any subsequent events requiring disclosure or recording in these financial statements.

NOTE 2 - RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENT-WIDE AND FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Explanation of certain differences between the governmental funds balance sheet and the government-wide statement of net position:

The governmental funds balance sheet includes reconciliation between *fund balance* – *total governmental funds* and *net position of governmental activities* as reported in the government-wide statement of net position. One element of that reconciliation explains, "long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds." The details of this \$27,632,711 difference are as follows:

| Net pension liabilities | \$13,132,090 |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| Deferred for retirement contributions | (1,351,893) |
| Deferred for payment to retirees | (4,384,724) |
| Bonds payable | 16,385,000 |
| Other Postemployment benefits | 379,000 |
| Landfill closure liabilities | 1,833,097 |
| Compensated absences | 1,640,141 |

Net adjustment to reduce *fund balance* – total governmental funds to arrive at net position of governmental activities \$27,632,711

Another element of that reconciliation states, "capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds." The details of the \$52,043,575 difference are as follows:

| Cost of capital assets | \$86,452,485 |
|--------------------------------|--------------|
| Less: accumulated depreciation | (34,408,910) |

Net adjustment to increase *fund balance* – *total governmental funds* to arrive at

net position of governmental activities \$52,043,575

NOTE 2 - RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENT-WIDE AND FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

Explanation of certain differences between the governmental funds statements of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances and the government-wide statement of activities:

The governmental funds statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances includes a reconciliation between *net changes in fund balances* – *total governmental funds* and *changes in net position of governmental activities* as reported in the government-wide statement of activities. One element of that reconciliation explains, governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. "The details of this \$5,671,977 difference are as follows:

| Capital outlay | \$ 8,669,319 |
|----------------------------|--------------|
| Disposal of capital assets | (141,252) |
| Depreciation expense | (2,856,090) |

Net adjustment to decrease *net change*in fund balances – total governmental
funds to arrive at change in net position of
governmental activities

\$

\$ 5,671,977

Another element of that reconciliation states, "some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds" and "revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds." The details of this (\$163,654) difference are as follows:

| Increase in compensated absences | \$ (5,224) |
|----------------------------------|---------------|
| Other Postemployment benefits | (9,000) |
| Landfill closure | 780,805 |
| Change in net pension liability | (930,235) |

Net adjustment to increase *net change* in fund balances – total governmental funds to arrive at change in net position of governmental activities

\$ (163,654)

NOTE 3 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

Deposits Policies

The County's cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, demand deposits, and short-term highly liquid debt instruments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition.

Investments Policies

Florida Statutes, Section 218.415, authorizes the County to invest surplus funds in the following:

The Local government Surplus Funds Trust Fund (State Board of Administration) or any intergovernmental investment pool authorized pursuant to the Florida Interlocal Cooperation Act as provided s.163.01.

Securities and Exchange Commission registered money market funds with the highest credit quality rating from a nationally recognized rating agency.

Interest – bearing time deposits or savings accounts in state-certified qualified public depositories as defined in s. 280.02.

Direct obligations of the United States Treasury.

Federal agencies and instrumentalities.

Securities of, or other interests in, any open-end or closed-end management-type investment company or investment trust registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, 15 U.S.C.ss. 80a-1 et. seq., as amended from time to time, provided that the portfolio of such investment company or investment trust is limited to obligations of the United States Government or any agency or instrumentality thereof and to repurchase agreements full collateralized by such United States Government obligations, and provided that such investment company or investment trust takes delivery of such collateral either directly or through an authorized custodian.

In addition, the County is authorized by law or by county ordinance to invest funds in the following securities:

Commercial Paper of U.S. Corporations having a rating of at least two of the following three ratings: A-1, P-1, and F-1, as rated by Standard & Poors, Moody's, and Fitch Investors Service rating services.

NOTE 3 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (continued)

Bankers' Acceptances that are eligible for purchase by the Federal Reserve Banks and have a Letter of Credit rating of A or better.

Obligations, rated A+ or better, of the State of Florida and its various local governments, including Gulf County.

Overnight Repos (Repurchase Agreement) and Term Repos with maturities of less than 30 days.

Corporate Securities rated AA/Aa by Standard & Poors and Moody's.

Qualified Purchaser Funds (3(c)7)funds) securities of an open-end management type investment company or investment fund advised by a Registered Advisor under rule 3(c)(7) of the Federal Investment Company Act of 1940, provided that the funds investment guidelines state that the fund will seek to maintain a \$1 per share net position value.

Auction Rate Securities rate AAA/aaa.

Florida Statutes provide that funds awaiting clearing may be invested. Pursuant to an agreement with a local financial institution, cash on deposit, including the County's float, was invested overnight in United States Treasury Obligations per the repurchase agreement.

The Florida Local Government Investment Trust Fund (FLGIT) is a professionally managed fund available only to public entities in Florida. The investment policy of FLGIT restricts investments to direct obligations of or securities fully guaranteed by the United States; obligations of certain federal agencies, including collateralized obligations; repurchase agreements; and commercial paper.

As of September 30, 2016, the County's deposits consisted of the following:

Florida Local Government Investment Trust
Total

Weighted Average

Maturity (months)

Sea 38,076

Demand

NOTE 3 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (continued)

Custodial Credit Risk of Deposits

All cash resources of the County are placed in banks that are qualified public depositories, as required by law (Florida Security for Public Deposits Act). Every qualified public depository is required by this law to deposit with the State Treasurer eligible collateral equal to, or in excess of, an amount to be determined by the State Treasurer. The State Treasurer is required to ensure that the County's funds are entirely collateralized throughout the fiscal year. In the event of failure by a qualified public depository, losses in excess of federal depository insurance and proceeds from the sale of the securities pledged by the defaulting depository are assessed against the other qualified public depositories of the same type as the depository in default. When other qualified public depositories are assessed additional amounts, they are assessed on a pro-rata basis.

Interest Rate Risk

At September 30, 2016, the County did not hold any investments that were considered to be an interest rate risk.

Credit Risks

At September 30, 2016, the County did not hold any investments that were considered to be a credit risk.

Custodial Risk

For an investment, there is a risk that in the event of a failure of the counterparty to a transaction, the government will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateralized securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The County's investments are excluded from the definition of custodial credit risk.

Concentration of Credit Risk

At September 30, 2016, the County did not hold any investments that were considered to be a concentration of credit risk.

NOTE 4 - INTERFUND RECEIVABLES AND PAYABLES

Internal balances at September 30, 2016, consisted of the following:

| | Interfund | Interfund |
|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| | Receivables | Payables |
| General fund | \$ 405,430 | \$ 221,637 |
| Special revenue funds | 207,819 | 207,700 |
| Agency funds | <u></u> | 183,912 |
| Total | \$ 613,249 | \$ 613,249 |

The general fund has amounts due to and from constitutional officers, which represent the return of excess appropriations due at the end of the fiscal year, from either budget or officers or fee officers.

All remaining balances resulted from the time lag between the dates that (a) interfund goods and services are provided or reimbursable expenditures occur, (b) transactions are recorded in the accounting system, and (c) payments between funds are made.

NOTE 5 - INTERFUND TRANSFERS

Interfund transfers for the year ended September 30, 2016, consisted of the following:

| | Transfers In | Transfers Out |
|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| General Fund | \$ 4,822,435 | \$ 4,154,141 |
| Special Revenue Funds: | | |
| Sheriff Special Reserve | 9,000 | _ |
| Capital Projects | 341,829 | _ |
| Beach Renovation | _ | 856,157 |
| Hospital | _ | 70,000 |
| Clerk Modernization | _ | 44,673 |
| Howard Creek Fire Control | _ | 1,690 |
| St. Joe Fire Control | _ | 37,910 |
| Tupelo Fire Control | _ | 5,796 |
| Overstreet Fire Control | | 2,897 |
| Total | <u>\$ 5,173,264</u> | <u>\$ 5,173,264</u> |

The transfers were for budgeted operations.

NOTE 6 - CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the year ended September 30, 2016, was as follows:

| | September 30, 2015 | Increases | Decreases | September 30, 2016 |
|---|----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Governmental Activities: | | | | |
| Capital assets not being depreciated: | | | | |
| Land | \$ 3,765,987 | \$ — | \$ — | \$ 3,765,987 |
| Construction in progress | 2,542,127 | <u>2,416,625</u> | (1,404,695) | 3,554,057 |
| Total capital assets, not being depreciated | 6,308,114 | 2,416,625 | (1,404,695) | 7,320,044 |
| Capital assets being depreciated: | | | | |
| Buildings and improvements | 16,565,179 | 179,099 | | 16,744,278 |
| Machinery and equipment - BOCC | 15,850,954 | 1,591,966 | (1,645,202) | 15,797,718 |
| Machinery and equipment - Sheriff | 1,155,584 | 213,909 | (86,855) | 1,282,638 |
| Infrastructure | 39,635,391 | 5,672,415 | | 45,307,806 |
| Total capital assets being depreciated | 73,207,108 | 7,657,389 | (1,732,057) | 79,132,440 |
| Less accumulated depreciation for: | | | | |
| Buildings and improvements | (6,449,490) | (334,507) | _ | (6,783,997) |
| Machinery | (12,164,019) | (1,204,946) | 1,590,805 | (11,778,160) |
| Infrastructure | (14,530,116) | (1,316,637) | | (15,846,753) |
| Total accumulated depreciation | (33,143,625) | (2,856,090) | 1,590,805 | (34,408,910) |
| Total capital assets being depreciated, net Total Governmental activities, capital assets, | 40,063,484 | 4,801,299 | (141,252) | 44,723,530 |
| (net of accumulated depreciation) | <u>\$ 46,371,598</u> | <u>\$ 7,217,924</u> | <u>\$ (1,545,947)</u> | <u>\$ 52,043,575</u> |

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

| General Government | \$ | 226,592 |
|--|-----------|-----------|
| Public safety | | 707,926 |
| Physical environment | | 11,235 |
| Transportation | | 1,472,127 |
| Economic environment | | 37,751 |
| Human services | | 286,864 |
| Culture and recreation | | 104,262 |
| Court related | | 9,333 |
| | | |
| Total depreciation expense – governmental activities | <u>\$</u> | 2,856,090 |

NOTE 6 - CAPITAL ASSETS (continued)

| | September 30, 2015 | Increases | Decreases | September 30, 2016 |
|--|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------|-----------------------|
| Business-Type Activities: | | | | |
| Capital assets not being depreciated: | | | | |
| Land | <u>\$ 737</u> | <u>\$</u> | <u>\$</u> | <u>\$ 737</u> |
| Total capital assets, not being depreciated | 737 | | | 737 |
| Capital assets being depreciated: Buildings and utility systems Total capital assets being depreciated | 841,378 841,378 | | | 841,378 841,378 |
| Less accumulated depreciation | (563,808) | (21,036) | | (584,844) |
| Total capital assets being depreciated, net | 277,570 | (21,036) | | 256,534 |
| Total business-type activities', capital assets, (net of accumulated depreciation) | <u>\$ 278,307</u> | \$ (21,036) | <u>\$</u> | <u>\$ 257,271</u> |

Depreciation expense for the water fund for the year ended September 30, 2016 was \$21,036.

NOTE 7 - LONG - TERM DEBT

Long-term debt of the County at September 30, 2016, is as follows:

| Bonds Payable Board of County Commissioners | Balance September 30, 2015 | Additions | Deductions | Balance September 30, 2016 | Due Within One Year |
|--|----------------------------------|-----------|-------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Gas Tax Revenue Bonds Series 2015A used for capital improvement for infrastructure and the refunding of Series 2006 gas tax revenue bonds. | | <u>\$</u> | <u>\$</u> | <u>\$13,210,000</u> | \$ 570,000 |
| Gas Tax Revenue Bonds Series 2015B used for capital improvement for infrastructure and the refunding | | | | | |
| of Series 2006 gas tax revenue bonds. | 3,175,000 | | | 3,175,000 | |
| Total governmental activities | \$ 16,385,000 | • | • | \$16,385,000 | \$ 570.000 |
| bonds payable | <u>\$ 10,383,000</u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u>\$10,383,000</u> | <u>3 370,000</u> |

NOTE 7 - LONG - TERM DEBT (continued)

| | Balance September 30, 2015 | Additions | Deductions | Balance September 30, 2016 | Due Within One Year |
|---|----------------------------------|------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Installment Contracts Clerk of Cou Installment purchase agreement for Two copiers, payable in 63 monthly Installments of \$366 including | <u>rt</u> | | | | |
| Interest at 8.443% | \$ 3,617 | <u>\$</u> | <u>\$ (3,617)</u> | <u>\$</u> | <u>\$</u> |
| Total governmental activities installments contracts | \$ 3,617 | <u>\$</u> | \$ (3,617) | <u>\$</u> | <u>\$</u> |
| Long-term landfill closure and postclosure liability (note 12) | \$ 2,613,902 | \$ 432,778 | \$ (1,213,583) | \$ 1,833,097 | \$ — |
| Other postemployment benefits | 370,000 | 9,000 | | 379,000 | _ |
| Liability for compensated absences Total governmental activities | 1,634,917 | 360,692 | (355,468) | 1,640,141 | 410,035 |
| bonds, notes, payable and other long-term debt | \$ 21,007,436 | \$ 802,470 | \$ (1,572,668) | \$20,237,238 | \$ 980,035 |

| Year Ending | Capital Im | Series 2015A & B Capital Improvement & Refunding Bonds | | |
|---------------|----------------------|--|--|--|
| September 30, | <u>Principal</u> | Interest | | |
| 2017 | \$ 560,000 | \$ 603,231 | | |
| 2018 | 740,000 | 584,556 | | |
| 2019 | 760,000 | 559,906 | | |
| 2020 | 785,000 | 530,681 | | |
| 2021 | 820,000 | 500,331 | | |
| 2022-2026 | 4,600,000 | 1,993,281 | | |
| 2027-2031 | 5,475,000 | 1,098,178 | | |
| 2032-2035 | 2,645,000 | 198,900 | | |
| Total | <u>\$ 16,385,000</u> | \$ 6,069,064 | | |

NOTE 7 - LONG - TERM DEBT (continued)

On June 30, 2015 the County issued \$13,210,000 Gas Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2015A and \$3,175,000 Taxable Gas Tax Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2015B for a total of \$16,385,000. These bonds are special obligations of the County and are solely payable from and secured by a prior lien upon and pledge of Constitutional Gas Tax, the County Gas Tax and the Local Option Gas Tax. The purpose of the Series 2015 bonds is to provide sufficient funds to (i) acquire and construct certain roads with in the County, (ii) refund the County's Tax Revenue Refunding Bonds Series 2006, (iii) provide a Reserve Account for the repayment of the bonds and (iv) pay certain costs associated with the issuance of the Series (2015). The Series 2016 Bonds have interest rates from 2.00% to 5.00%.

NOTE 8 - EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

A. Florida Retirement System

Plan Description – The County contributes to the Florida Retirement System (the FRS), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the State of Florida, Department of Administration, Division of Retirement The FRS provides retirement, disability or death benefits to retirees or their designated beneficiaries along with an annual cost-of-living adjustment. Employees are classified in either the regular service class or the senior management service class. Currently, the active participants for Gulf County are 173 out of total of 514,629 active FRS participants.

The Florida Legislature created the Florida Retirement Investment Plan (the "investment Plan"), a defined contribution plan qualified under Section 401 (a) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Investment Plan is administered by the Department of Management Services and is an alternative available to members of the Florida Retirement System in lieu of participation in the defined benefit retirement plan ("the Pension Plan"). If the Investment Plan is elected, active membership in the Pension Plan is terminated. Eligible members of the Investment Plan are vested at one year of service and receive a contribution in an investment product with a third party administrator selected by the State Board of Administration.

Chapter 121, *Florida Statutes*, establishes the authority for benefit provisions and contribution requirements. Changes to the law can only occur through an act of the Florida Legislature. There are uniform contribution rates as discussed on the following page that cover both the defined benefit and defined contribution plans. Information for the required employer contributions made to the Investment Plan were unavailable from FRS.

NOTE 8 - EMPLOYEE BENEFITS (continued)

Additional Financial and Actuarial Information – Additional audited financial information supporting the Schedules of Employer Allocations and the Schedule of Pension Amounts by Employer is located in the Florida Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and in the Florida Retirement System Pension Plan, and Other State-Administered Systems CAFR.

See http://www.myfloridacfo.com/Division/AA/Reports/default.htm for an available copy of the Florida CAFR online.

The FRS CAFR and actuarial valuation reports as of July 1, 2016 are available online at http://www.dms.myflorida.com/workforce_operations/retirement/publications/annual_reports.

Reports may also be obtained by contacting the Division of Retirement at:

Department of Management Services
Division of Retirement
Bureau of Research and Member Communications
P O Box 9000
Tallahassee, Florida 32315-900
850-488-4706 or toll free at 877-377-1737

Funding Policy – Prior to July 1, 2011, the FRS was employee noncontributory. Beginning July 1, 2011, employees who are not participating in the Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) are required to contribute 3% of their salary to the FRS. The County is required to contribute at an actuarially-determined rate.

The FRS relies upon contributions from employees and employers, along with investment income, to meet the funding requirements of an actuarially determined accrued liability. As of July 1, 2016, the date of the latest valuation, the FRS funded ratio was 85.4% on the valuation funding basis and 83.2% on a Market Value of Assets basis.

The County also participates in the Retiree Health Insurance Subsidy (HIS) Program, a cost sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan established under Section 112.363, *Florida Statutes*. The benefit is a monthly cash payment to assist retirees of state-administered retirement systems in paying their health insurance costs.

NOTE 8 - EMPLOYEE BENEFITS (continued)

In addition to the above benefits, the FRS administers a Deferred Retirement Option Program ("DROP"). This program allows eligible employees to defer receipt of monthly retirement benefit payments while continuing employment with a Florida Retirement System employer for a period not to exceed 60 months after electing to participate. DROP benefits are held in the FRS Trust Fund and accrue interest.

The HIS Program is funded by required contributions from FRS participating employers as set by the State Legislature. Employer contributions are a percentage of gross compensation for all active FRS employees and are reported by employers with monthly payroll reports and included with the amount submitted for retirement contributions. For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2016, the contribution rate was 1.66% of payroll pursuant to Section 112.363, *Florida Statutes*.

The contributions required for the years ended September 30, 2016, 2015, and 2014 were \$1,219,013, \$1,147,125, and \$936,301, respectively, which is equal to 100% of the required contribution for each year.

The rates for 2015 and 2014 fiscal years were as follows:

| Membershij |) | | Empl Contribu | oyer tion Rate |
|-------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Category | Benefits | Vesting J | uly 1, 2016 | July 1, 2015 |
| Regular Class | For employees in the FRS as of June 30, 2011, normal retirement at age 62 or at least 30 years of service: 1.60% times average compensation (five highest years) times years of creditable service. | After six years creditable service. | 7.52% | 7.26% |
| | For employees joining the FRS on or after July 1, 2011, normal retirement at age 65, or at least 33 years of service: 1.6% times average compensation (eight highest years) times years of creditable service. | creditable service | rs | |
| Senior Management Class | For employees in the FRS as of June 30, 2011, normal retirement at seven years and age 62: 2.00% times average compensation (five highest years) times years of creditable service. | After six years creditable | 21.96% | 21.43% |

NOTE 8 - EMPLOYEE BENEFITS (continued)

| Membershi | p | | Emplo Contribu | |
|---|---|---|-------------------|---------------------|
| Category | Benefits | Vesting J | uly 1, 2016 | <u>July 1, 2015</u> |
| SpecialRisk (sworn employees) | For employees in the FRS as of June 30, 2011, normal retirement at age 55, or 25 years of special risk service: 2% to 3% times average compensation (five highest years) times years of creditable service. | After six years of creditable service. | 22.57% | 22.04% |
| Elected County Officers' Class (ESCOC) - Nonjudicial | For employees in the FRS as of June 30, 2011, normal retirement at eight years ESCOC service and age 62: 3.00% times average compensation (five highest years) times years of creditable service. | After six years of creditable service. | 42.47% | 42.27% |
| | For employees joining the FRS on or after July 1, 2011, normal retirement at age 65, or at least 33 years of service: 3.00% times average compensation (eight highest years) times years of creditable service. | After eight years creditable service. | | |
| Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP) | For employees in DROP as of June 30, 2011 retirement benefit paid to DROP where it earns 6.5% interest, tax deferred, for up to five years while the member continues to work. | Available to vested members at normal retirement age or date. | 12.99% s | 12.88% |
| | For employees entered in DROP on or after July 1, 2011, retirement benefit paid to DROP where it earns 1.3% interest, tax deferred, for up to five years while the member continues to work. | | | |

NOTE 8 - EMPLOYEE BENEFITS (continued)

Net Pension Liability – At September 30, 2016, the County reported for its share of the FRS and HIS plans the amount for the net pension liability as shown below:

| | FRS | HIS | Total |
|---------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| June 30, 2016 | \$10,185,460 | \$2,946,630 | \$13,132,090 |
| June 30, 2015 | \$ 4,820,943 | \$2,363,737 | \$ 7,184,680 |

The net pension liability for each plan was determined by the plans' actuary and reported in the plans' valuations dated July 1, 2016 and July 1, 2015 for the net pension liability as of June 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

At September 30, 2016, the County reported for its proportionate share of the employer portion for the FRS and HIS net pension liability the percentages below:

| | FRS | HIS |
|----------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| June 30, 2016 | 0.040338331% | 0.025283010% |
| June 30, 2015 | 0.037324372% | 0.023177466% |
| Increase in Share for 2016 | 0.003013959% | 0.002105544% |

The County's proportionate share of the net pension liability was based on the County's 2015-2016 fiscal year contributions relative to the 2014-2015 fiscal year contributions of all participating members of FRS.

Actuarial Methods and Assumptions – Actuarial Assumptions for both defined benefit plans are reviewed by the Florida Retirement System Actuarial Assumptions Conference on an annual basis. The FRS Pension Plan has an annual valuation in accordance with 121.031(3), Florida Statutes while the Health Insurance Subsidy HIS program is valued biennially and updated for GASB reporting in the year a valuation is not performed. An experience study for the FRS Pension Plan was completed in 2014 for the period July 1, 2008 through June 20, 2013. The HIS program is funded on a pay as you go basis and so no experience study has been completed for this program.

NOTE 8 - EMPLOYEE BENEFITS (continued)

The total pension liability for each of the defined plans determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2016, using the entry age normal actuarial cost method. Inflation increases for both plans is assumed at 2.60%. Payroll growth for both plans is assumed at 3.25%. Both the discount rate and the long term expected rate of return used for the FRS Pension Plan investments is 7.60%.

The plan's fiduciary net position was projected as available for all projected future benefit payments of current active and inactive employees. The discount rate for calculating the total pension liability is equal to the long term expected rate of return. For the HIS program, a municipal bond rate of 3.80% was used to determine the total pension liability. Mortality assumptions for both plans were based on the Generational RP-2000 with Projection Scale BB Tables.

The actuarial assumptions that determined the total pension liability as of June 30, 2014 were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2013 and are shown below:

| Valuation Date | July 1, 2015 | July 1, 2014 |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Measurement Date | June 30, 2016 | June 30, 2015 |
| Payroll Growth | 1.00% | 0.65% |
| Inflation | 3.00% | 2.60% |
| Salary Increases Including Inflation | 4.00 % | 3.25% |
| Rate of Return | 7.60% | 7.65% |
| HIS Municipal | 4.29% | 3.80% |
| Mortality | Generational RP-2000 with | Generational RP-2000 with |
| | Projection Scale AA | Projection Scale BB |
| Actuarial Cost Method | Entry Age Normal | Entry Age Normal |

Investments – To develop an analytical basis for the selection of the long-term expected rate of return assumption, in October 2015 the FRS Actuarial Assumptions conference reviewed long-term assumptions developed by Milliman's capital market assumptions team and by a capital market assumptions team from Aon Hewitt Investment Consulting. The table below shows Milliman's assumptions for each asset classes in which the plan was invested at that time based on the long-term target asset allocation. The allocation policy's description of each class was used to map the target allocation to the classes shown below. Each assumption is based on a consistent set of underlying assumptions, and includes an adjustment for inflation. These assumptions are not based on historical returns, but instead are based on a forward-looking capital market economic model.

NOTE 8 - EMPLOYEE BENEFITS (continued)

| A seed Class | Target | Annual Arithmetic | Compound Annual (Geometric) | Standard |
|------------------------|----------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|
| Asset Class | Allocation (1) | Return | Return | Deviation |
| Cash | 1.00% | 3.20% | 3.10% | 1.70% |
| Fixed Income | 18.00% | 4.80% | 4.70% | 4.70% |
| Global Equity | 53.00% | 8.50% | 7.20% | 17.70% |
| Real Estate (Property) | 10.00% | 6.80% | 6.20% | 12.00% |
| Private Equity | 6.00% | 11.90% | 8.20% | 30.00% |
| Strategic Investments | 12.00% | 6.70% | 6.10% | 11.40% |
| Total | 100.00% | | | |

Assumed Inflation – Mean 2.60% 1.90%

(1) As in the Pension Plan's investment policy

Sensitivity Analysis – the tables below represent the sensitivity of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate for Gulf County. The sensitivity analysis shows the impact to the collective net pension liability of the participating employers if the discount rate shows as 1.00% higher or 1.00% lower than the current discounted rate at June 30, 2015.

| FRS Net Pension Liability | | | | | |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|--|--|--|
| 1% | Current | 1% | | | |
| Decrease | Discount Rate | Increase | | | |
| 6.60% | 7.60% | 8.60% | | | |
| \$18,752,122 | \$10,185,460 | \$ 3,054,846 | | | |
| | | | | | |
| | HIS Net Pension Liability | | | | |
| 1% | Current | 1% | | | |
| Decrease | Discount Rate | Increase | | | |
| 1.85% | 2.85% | 3.85% | | | |
| \$ 3,380,454 | \$ 2,946,630 | \$ 2,586,580 | | | |

NOTE 8 - EMPLOYEE BENEFITS (continued)

Pension Expense and Deferred Outflows (Inflows) of Resources – In accordance with GASB 68, paragraph 71, changes in the net pension liability are recognized as pension expense in the current measurement period with the following exceptions shown below. For each of the following, a portion is recognized in pension expense in the current measurement period, and the balance is amortized as deferred outflows or inflows of resources using rational method over a time period, as defined below:

- Differences between expected and actual experience with regard to economic and demographic factors which are amortized over the average expected remaining service life of all employees that are provided with pensions through the pension plan, both active and inactive.
- Changes of Assumptions or other inputs which are amortized over the average expected remaining service life of all employees that are provided with pensions through the pension plan, both active and inactive.
- Differences between expected and actual earnings on pension plan investments are amortized over five years.

The average expected remaining service life of all employees provided with pensions through the pension plans at June 30, 2016 was 6.4 years for FRS and 7.2 for HIS. The components of collective pension expense reported in the pension allocation schedules for the year ended June 30, 2016 are presented for each plan.

Florida Retirement System

The Components of the collective pension expense reported in the pension allocation schedules by the Florida Retirement System for the year ended June 30, 2016 are presented below and are used to calculate Gulf County's share of the pension plan for 2016 which is 0.040338331%.

NOTE 8 - EMPLOYEE BENEFITS (continued)

| | | | Balance of | Balance of | Amortization |
|--|------------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| | 2016 Total | Expense | Deferred Outflows | Deferred (Inflows) | Period in Years |
| Beginning Net Pension Liability, 6/30/16 | 12,916,341,186 | | | | _ |
| Service Cost | 2,132,905,650 | 2,132,905,650 | | | |
| Interest on Total Pension Liability | 12,109,113,805 | 12,109,113,805 | | | |
| Plan Changes | 32,310,000 | 32,310,000 | | | |
| Experience (Econ/Demo) | 980,191,881 | 339,193,825 | 1,933,340,218 | | 6.4 |
| Experience (Econ/Demo) | | | | (235,095,289) | |
| Assumptions | 1,030,667,368 | 360,414,073 | 1,527,554,171 | 0 | 6.4 |
| Assumptions | | | | 0 | |
| Employer Contributions | (2,438,659,458) | 0 | 0 | | |
| Projected Investment Earnings | (11,075,395,463) | (11,075,395,463) | | | |
| Member Contributions | (710,716,815) | (710,716,815) | | | |
| (Gain)/Loss on Investments | 10,254,813,091 | 643,769,480 | | | 5 |
| (Gain)/Loss on Investments | | | 6,526,837,479 | | |
| Admin Expense | 18,507,240 | 18,507,240 | | | |
| Net Pension Liability, 6/30/16 | 25,250,078,485 | 3,850,101,795 | 9,987,731,868 | (235,095,289) | |

For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2016, the County recognized pension expense of \$1,553,067 for the FRS plan. In addition the County reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources relate to pensions from the following sources:

| Description | Deferred Outflows of Resources for the FRS Plan | Deferred Inflows of Resources for the FRS Plan |
|--|---|--|
| Differences between expected and actual experience | \$ 779,877 | \$ (94,834) |
| Change of assumptions | 616,190 | _ |
| Net difference between projected and actual earnings on FRS Plan investments | 4,685,688 | (2,052,871) |
| Changes in proportion and differences between County FRS Plan contributions and proportionate share of contributions | 1,100,576 | (240,212) |
| County FRS Plan contributions subsequent to the measurement date | 232,920 | |
| Total | \$ 7,415,251 | \$ (2,387,916) |

NOTE 8 - EMPLOYEE BENEFITS (continued)

Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to the Pension Plan will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

| FRS Expense |
|-------------|
| \$ 541,896 |
| 541,896 |
| 1,568,332 |
| 1,073,354 |
| 157,876 |
| 50,897 |
| |

Health Insurance Subsidy

The components of the collective pension expense reported in the pension allocation schedules for the Florida Retirement System's Health Insurance Subsidy for the year ended June 30, 2016 are presented below and are used for to calculate Gulf County's share for 2016 which is 0.025283010%.

| | | | Balance of | Balance of | Amortization |
|--|----------------|-------------|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| _ | 2016 Total | Expense | Deferred Outflows | Deferred (Inflows) | Period in Years |
| Beginning Net Pension Liability, 6/30/16 | 10,198,426,975 | | | | _ |
| Service Cost | 256,710,220 | 256,710,220 | | | |
| Interest on Total Pension Liability | 390,757,053 | 390,757,053 | | | |
| Plan Changes | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Experience (Econ/Demo) | 0 | 0 | | | 7.2 |
| Experience (Econ/Demo) | (30,826,289) | (4,281,429) | | (26,544,860) | |
| Assumptions | 1,352,459,162 | 325,908,378 | 1,828,900,798 | 0 | 7.2 |
| Assumptions | | | | | |
| Employer Contributions | (512,563,741) | 0 | 0 | | |
| Projected Investment Earnings | (3,106,220) | (3,106,220) | | | |
| Member Contributions | 0 | 0 | | | |
| (Gain)/Loss on Investments | | | | | 5 |
| (Gain)/Loss on Investments | 2,541,015 | 2,168,899 | 5,892,810 | 0 | |
| Admin Expense | 187,571 | 187,571 | | | |
| Net Pension Liability, 6/30/16 | 11,654,585,746 | 968,344,472 | 1,834,793,608 | (26,544,860) | |

NOTE 8 - EMPLOYEE BENEFITS (continued)

For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2016, the County recognized pension expense of \$244,827 for the HIS plan. In addition the County reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred in flows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

| Description | Deferred Outflows of Resources for the HIS Plan | Deferred Inflows of Resources for the HIS Plan | |
|--|---|--|--|
| Differences between expected and actual experience | \$ — | \$ (6,711) | |
| Change of assumptions | 462,401 | (0,711) — | |
| Net difference between projected and actual earnings on HIS Plan investments | 1,490 | _ | |
| Changes in proportion and differences between County HIS Plan contributions and proportionate share of contributions | 227,008 | (4,419) | |
| County HIS Plan contributions subsequent to the measurement date | 29,517 | | |
| Total | <u>\$ 720,416</u> | <u>\$ (11,130)</u> | |

Other amounts reported by the County as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to the HIS Plan will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

| FRS Expense |
|-------------|
| \$ 81,865 |
| 81,865 |
| 81,582 |
| 81,445 |
| 70,463 |
| 59,959 |
| |

NOTE 9 - OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB)

Effective for the 2009-2010 fiscal year, the County has implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement 45, Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions for retiree health insurance. The requirements of this Statement are being implemented prospectively, with the actuarially accrued liability for benefits \$304,000 at transition, amortized over 30 years. Accordingly, for financial reporting purposes, no liability is reported for the postemployment health care benefits liability at the date of implementation.

Plan Description

The County has established the Retiree's Health Insurance Other Post Employment Benefits Plan, a single employer plan. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 112.0801, Florida Statutes, employees who retire from the County and eligible dependents, may continue to participate in the group insurance plan. Retirees and their eligible dependents shall be offered the same health and hospitalization insurance coverage as is offered to active employees at a premium cost of no more than the premium cost applicable to active employees. The County subsidizes the premium rates paid by the retirees by allowing them to participate in the plan at blended group (implicitly subsidized) premium rates for both active and retired employees. These rates provide an implicit subsidy for retirees because, on an actuarial basis, their current and future claims are expected to result in higher costs to the plan on average than those of active employees. The County currently has approximately 173 total active and retired employees eligible to receive these benefits. No stand alone report is issued for this plan.

Eligibility

A participant is eligible to receive benefits from the plan upon retirement under the Florida Retirement System plan provisions. To be eligible for retiree benefits, the participant must be covered under the medical plan as an active immediately prior to retirement. Participants not eligible for retirement at the time of their termination are not eligible for immediate or future benefits from the plan.

Funding Policy

Although the contribution requirement is established by Statute, the contribution amount required by plan members and the government are established and may be amended by the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners. Currently, members receiving benefits pay the full costs (total premium) for medical coverage.

NOTE 9 - OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) (continued)

The contribution rates effective for other eligible County plan members during the year are shown below:

| Coverage | |
|--------------------|-----------|
| Retiree | \$ 486 |
| Retiree and Spouse | 830 |
| Retiree and Child | 754 |
| Retiree and Family | 1,273 |

The County has not advance-funded or established a funding methodology for the annual Other Postemployment Benefit (OPEB) costs or the net OPEB obligation. Rather, the funding is based on a pay-as-you-go basis. During the fiscal year, the County provided contributions of \$19,000 toward the annual OPEB cost. A Schedule of Employer Contributions can be found in required supplementary information immediately following the notes.

Annual OPEB Cost and Net OPEB Obligation

The following table shows the County's annual OPEB cost for the year, the amount actually contributed to the plan, and changes in the County's net OPEB obligation.

| <u>Desc</u> | rip | <u>tion</u> |
|-------------|-----|-------------|
| Norn | nal | cost |

| 2 05011501011 | |
|--|---------------|
| Normal cost (service cost for one year) | \$ 18,000 |
| Amortization of unfunded actuarial accrued liability | 27,000 |
| Annual required contribution | 45,000 |
| Interest on net OPEB obligation | 14,000 |
| Adjustment to annual required contribution | (31,000) |
| Annual OPEB cost (expense) | 28,000 |
| Contribution toward the OPEB cost | (19,000) |
| Increase in net OPEB obligation | 9,000 |
| Net OPEB obligation, beginning of year | 370,000 |
| Net OPEB obligation, end of year | \$ 379,000 |

NOTE 9 - OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) (continued)

The County's estimated annual OPEB cost, the percentage of annual OPEB cost contributed to the plan, and the net OPEB obligation as of September 30, 2016 was as follows:

| Year ending | Annual OPEB Cost | | Percentage of OPEB | Net OPEB Obligation | | |
|---------------|-------------------|---------|--------------------|---------------------|---------|--|
| September 30, | | | Cost Contributed | | | |
| 2013 | \$ | 103,325 | 14.5% | \$ | 353,321 | |
| 2014 | | 27,000 | 70.0% | | 361,000 | |
| 2015 | | 28,000 | 67.9% | | 370,000 | |

Funding Status and Funding Progress

The funding status and funding progress information can be found in the Schedule of Funding Progress which is presented as required supplementary information immediately following the notes. This schedule presents multi-year trend information about whether the actuarial value of plan assets is increasing or decreasing over time relative to the actuarial accrued liability of benefits.

Actuarial Methods and Assumptions

The County had an actuarial valuation completed for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2016. Actuarial valuations of an ongoing plan involve estimates of the value of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future. Examples include assumptions about future employment and termination, mortality, and the healthcare cost trends. Amounts determined regarding the funded status of the plan and the annual required contributions of the employer are subject to continual revision as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future. Projections of benefits for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan provisions, as understood by the employer and participating members, in effect at the valuation date and include the type of benefits provided at the time of each valuation and the historical pattern of sharing of benefit costs between the employer and participating members. The actuarial methods and assumptions used include techniques that are designed to reduce the effects of short-term volatility in actuarially determined accrued liabilities and the actuarial value of assets, consistent with the long-term perspective of the calculations.

NOTE 9 - OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) (continued)

The initial OPEB actuarial valuation method used for the County was the unit credit actuarial cost method. This method is used to estimate the actuarial liabilities and costs. This method was selected because it produced the best estimate of the OPEB liability and annual cost for the County employees. The actuarial assumptions include a 4% rate of return on investments for the County. The actuarial assumptions also include an annual healthcare cost trend rate. For the County, this rate for the 2015-16 fiscal year is 8.0%. It fluctuates in the first four years reaching a future year's rate of 5.5%. The unfunded actuarial accrued liability is being amortized with a level dollar method. The remaining open amortization period at September 30, 2016 is 13 years.

NOTE 10 - RISK MANAGEMENT

The County is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors or omissions; injuries to employees and/or the public; or damage to property of others. The County purchases commercial insurance to cover their risk of losses. The County determined that it was not economically justifiable to carry comprehensive coverage on certain vehicles and equipment after approximately five years of ownership. The County carries liability insurance on the aforementioned vehicles and equipment. Insurance against losses are provided for the following types of risk:

- Workers' compensation and employer's liability
- General and automobile liability
- Real and personal property damage
- Public officials' liability
- Accidental death and dismemberment

The County's coverage for workers' compensation is under a retrospectively rated policy. Premiums are accrued based on the ultimate cost to-date of the County's experience for this type of risk.

The Sheriff participates in the Florida Sheriff's Self-Insurance Fund Program, administered by the Florida Sheriff's Association. The program is considered a public entity risk pool which purchases insurance policies on behalf of its members. The pool's members are not obligated for risk associated with such coverage. Coverage under this program includes general liability, public officials' liability and public employees' blanket bond.

NOTE 10 - RISK MANAGEMENT (continued)

The funding agreements provide that the self-insurance fund will be self-sustaining through member premiums and that the Sheriff's liability fund will reinsure through commercial companies. Aggregate coverage provided by the liability fund is \$10,000,000 for professional liability and \$10,000,000 for public officials' coverage.

The Gulf County Sheriff determined that it was not economically justifiable to carry comprehensive coverage on all vehicles but the Gulf County Sheriff carries liability insurance on the aforementioned vehicles. The Gulf County Sheriff currently covers all claim settlements and judgments out of available operating resources.

NOTE 11 - AMBULANCE SERVICES

The County has financial responsibility for providing ambulance services throughout the County. Ambulance accounts receivable, and revenues and expenditures are included in the general fund of the accompanying financial statement. Accounts receivable for the ambulance service for the year ended September 30, 2016 was \$337,113 which is net of \$1,204,911 allowance for uncollectible accounts.

NOTE 12 - LANDFILL CLOSURE AND POSTCLOSURE CARE COSTS

State and federal laws and regulations require the County place a final cover on its landfill sites when it ceases accepting waste, and perform certain maintenance and monitoring functions at the site for thirty years after closure. Currently, the County monitors two closed landfills and operates a Class III landfill and a construction debris landfill. Receipt of debris at the construction debris landfill has been indefinitely suspended and the County expects to officially close the landfill.

Although closure and postclosure care costs will be paid only near or after the date that the landfill stops accepting waste, the Board reports a portion of these costs as an operating expense in each period based on landfill capacity used as of each balance sheet date. The \$1,833,097 reported as landfill closure and postclosure care liability at September 30, 2016, represents the cumulative amount reported to date based on the use of 100% of the estimated capacity of the landfill cells placed in use. Actual costs may differ due to inflation, changes in technology, or changes in regulations.

NOTE 12 - LANDFILL CLOSURE AND POSTCLOSURE CARE COSTS (continued)

The Board is required by state and federal laws to make annual contributions to an escrow account to finance a minimum of all closure costs. At September 30, 2016, the Board held deposits with a fair value of \$558,296 for these purposes that are reported as restricted assets on the balance sheet. This amount includes \$558,296 that is restricted for closing Five Points Landfill. The Board expects that future inflation costs will be paid from interest earnings on these annual contributions. However, if interest earnings are inadequate or additional postclosure care costs are determined to be required, these costs may need to be covered by charges to future landfill users or from future tax revenue.

NOTE 13 - LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

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

NOTE 14 – NOTES RECEIVABLE

In July 2011 the County sold real estate to the Gulf Rifle and Pistol Club Inc. The County received a promissory note in the amount of \$30,000 to be repaid over a ten year period. Payment is due annually with principal of \$3,000 and zero interest. The first payment is due August 2012 with the last payment due August 2021. The mortgage is secured by the real estate transferred in the sale.

In May 2011 the County entered into a second mortgage agreement with the Port St. Joe Port Authority whereby the County made a loan in the amount of \$199,000 which is secured by real estate. In 2014 the County refinanced the debt advancing another \$60,000 plus accrued interest and loan costs to the Authority, securing the debt with a mortgage on real estate. The loan is to be repaid over a ten year period and has an annual interest rate of 3%. No payments will be made for the first two years. Thereafter a sum of \$10,000 per year will be paid on the outstanding balance with the first payment due on August 21, 2017. The note will balloon on July 21, 2024 at which time all accrued interest and remaining balance will be due.

NOTE 14 – NOTES RECEIVABLE (continued)

At September 30, 2016, notes receivable consisted of the following

| | Baland Septemb 2015 | er 30, | Additions Deductions | | | Balance September 30, 2016 | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|---------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Gulf Rifle Note Port Authority | \$ 18, 278, \$ 296, | 000 \$ 378 \$ 378 \$ | 40,622 40,622 | \$ <u>\$</u> | (3,000) | \$ <u>\$</u> | 15,000 319,000 334,000 |

NOTE 15 - GRANTS

The County participates in several state and federal grant programs. These programs are subject to program compliance audits by grantors or their representatives. The audits of these programs for, or including, the year ended September 30, 2016, have not yet been accepted/approved by the grantors. Accordingly, the final determination of the County's compliance with applicable grant requirements will be established at a future date. The amount, if any, of expenditures which may be disallowed by granting agencies cannot be determined, although the County expects such amounts, if any, to be immaterial.

NOTE 16 - NET POSITION/FUND BALANCE CLASSIFICATION

Net position represents the difference between total assets and liabilities and are categorized as follows:

Net investment in capital assets: Total capital assets, net of debt issued in the acquisition of these assets and net of depreciation is reported separately in the net position section.

Restricted for growth related capital expansion: Impact fee and system development charges restricted for growth related capital expansion.

Restricted for transportation projects: Gas taxes and other revenues restricted for transportation improvements.

NOTE 16 - NET POSITION/FUND BALANCE CLASSIFICATION (continued)

Restricted for tourist development: Tourist development tax proceeds are restricted for tourist related activities.

Restricted for Conservation: Various impact and other fees restricted to conservation projects and expenses.

Restricted for Public Safety: Grants and fees restricted for use in various areas of public safety.

Restricted for Court functions: Balances are restricted for use in the County Court System.

Restricted for debt service: Balances are restricted in conjunction with the issuance of bonds and have been funded by operating transfers from the appropriate funds. The use of monies in the sinking fund is restricted to the payment of principal and interest on long-term debt.

Restricted for Public Health: Restricted for use to Hospital and EMS function.

Unrestricted: Balances are not restricted for specific purposes.

Governmental funds report fund balances as either spendable or non-spendable. Spendable fund balances are further classified as restricted, committed, assigned or unassigned depending upon the extent to which there are external or internal constraints on the spending of these fund balances.

Non-spendable fund balance: Amounts that are not in spendable form or that are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. Items that are not spendable also include inventories, prepaid amounts and long term portions of loans and notes receivable, as well as property held for resale.

NOTE 16 - NET POSITION/FUND BALANCE CLASSIFICATION (continued)

Spendable fund balance:

Restricted fund balance – Amounts that can be spent only for specific purposes through restrictions placed upon them by external resource providers such as creditors, grantors or contributors; or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Committed fund balance – Amounts that can be spent only for specific purposes determined by the County's highest decision making authority, the Board of County Commissioners. Commitments may be modified or removed only by the Board of County Commissioners through the same formal action that created the original commitment.

Assigned fund balance – Amounts that are intended to be spent for specific purposes as determined by the Board of County Commissioners, but that are neither restricted nor committed to the specific purpose.

Unassigned fund balance – Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the County's general fund. Amounts in this classification are spendable but have not been deemed restricted, committed or assigned. Unassigned fund balance may also include negative balances for any governmental fund whose expenditures have exceeded the amounts restricted, committed or assigned for those specific purposes.

When both restricted and unrestricted amounts are available the County spends the restricted amounts first, unless prohibited by law, grant agreements or other contractual arrangement. Further, when committed fund balance is available the County will use it first, followed by assigned fund balance and then unassigned fund balance for purposes in which any of the unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used.

NOTE 16 - NET POSITION/FUND BALANCE CLASSIFICATION (continued)

A detailed schedule of fund balances at September 30, 2016 is as follows:

| | General | General | Public | Construction and | | Total Governmental |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|-----------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| | Fund | Grants | Improvement | | | Funds |
| Nonspendable: | I unu | Grants | Improvement | requisition | Tunus | <u> I dilus</u> |
| Prepaids/deposits | \$ 102,804 | \$ — | \$ 90 | \$ — | \$ 6,123 | \$ 109,016 |
| Total nonspendable fund balance | 102,804 | | 90 | | 6,123 | 109,016 |
| | | | | | | |
| Restricted for: | | | | | | |
| Public Safety | 15,029 | _ | | _ | 1,231,335 | 1,246,363 |
| Physical Environment | 529,283 | | | _ | 539,735 | 1,069,018 |
| Transportation | _ | | | _ | 647,299 | 647,299 |
| Economic Environment | _ | | | | 1,144,289 | 1,144,289 |
| Human Services | 314,544 | _ | _ | _ | 1,705,049 | 2,019,593 |
| Culture and Recreation | _ | | | _ | 396,414 | 396,414 |
| Court Related | 29,065 | | | | 341,310 | 370,376 |
| Capital Outlay | _ | | | 4,518,954 | 196,983 | 4,715,937 |
| Debt Service | _ | | 1,163,142 | | _ | 1,163,142 |
| Other purposes | 3,565 | | · · · — | | _ | 3,565 |
| Total restricted fund balance | 891,486 | | 1,163,142 | 4,518,954 | 6,202,414 | 12,775,996 |
| Committed for: | | | | | | |
| | | | | | 229.255 | 229.255 |
| Public Safety | 111 227 | _ | _ | _ | 328,255 | 328,255 |
| Conservation | 111,327 | | | | 103 | 111,430 |
| Capital Improvement | 77,396 | | | | 355,074 | 432,470 |
| Other Purposes | 4,002,343 | | | | 349,077 | 4,351,421 |
| Total committed fund balance | 4,191,066 | | | | 1,032,509 | 5,223,576 |
| Assigned for: | | | | | | |
| Public Safety | 13,404 | | | | | 13,404 |
| Total assigned fund balance | 13,404 | | | | | 13,404 |
| Unassigned: | 5,013,776 | | | | | 5,013,776 |
| Total Fund Balances | <u>\$10,212,536</u> | <u>\$</u> | <u>\$ 1,163,232</u> | <u>\$ 4,518,954</u> | <u>\$ 7,241,046</u> | <u>\$ 23,135,768</u> |

NOTE 17 – COMMITMENTS

The Gulf County Sheriff has an interlocal agreement with the City of Wewahitchka, whereby personnel from the Sheriff's office provide law enforcement services to the City of Wewahitchka. As consideration therefore, the Sheriff receives payments of \$33,600 annually from the City.

The Gulf County Sheriff entered into a service agreement with the City of Port St. Joe Police Department, whereby the Sheriff provides all dispatching services required within the City of Port St. Joe. The City of Port St. Joe pays the Gulf County Sheriff the sum of \$16,500 per quarter, in consideration for these services.

NOTE 18 - WATER SYSTEM OPERATIONS

The County owns the two remaining water systems, Williamsburg/Methodist Hill and Oak Grove. The City of Wewahitchka operates the Williamsburg/Methodist Hill Water System. Although there is not an active inter-local agreement this water system continues to be operated by the City of Wewahitchka under the terms of the 1993 inter-local agreement which terminated in 1994. The City of Port St. Joe operates the Oak Grove Water System. Neither one of these water systems brings any revenue to the County. The only expense to the County for either of these two water systems is depreciation.



GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

Schedule of Funding Progress for the Retiree's Health Insurance Other Post Employment Benefits Plan

| Actuarial | | Actuarial | | | | UAAL as a |
|-----------|-----------|------------|----------------|--------|---------|------------|
| Valuation | Actuarial | Accrued | Unfunded | | Annual | Percentage |
| Date | Value of | Liability | Actuarial | Funded | Covered | of Covered |
| As of | Assets | (AAL) | (UAAL) | Ratio | Payroll | Payroll |
| Oct 1, | (a) | <u>(b)</u> | (b-a) | (a/b) | (c) | (b-a)/c) |
| 2014 | \$ — | \$ 303,000 | \$ 303,000 | 0.0% | N/A | N/A |

Schedule of Employer Contributions for the Retiree's Health Insurance Other Post Employment Benefits Plan

| Fiscal Year | Annual | | Annual | |
|---------------|--------------|--------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Ended | Required | Percentage | OPEB | Percentage |
| September 30, | Contribution | Contributed | Cost | Contributed |
| 2013 | \$ 105,000 | 14% | \$103,000 | 15% |
| 2014 | \$ 44,000 | 43% | \$ 27,000 | 70% |
| 2015 | \$ 45,000 | 42% | \$ 28,000 | 68% |

GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF NET PENSION LIABILITY Last Ten Years* SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

| | 2016 | 2015 |
|--|---------------|--------------|
| Gulf County's proportion of the net pension liability | 0.052008116% | 0.037324372% |
| Gulf County's proportionate share of the net pension liability | \$ 13,132,090 | \$ 7,184,680 |
| Gulf County's covered-employee payroll | \$ 8,251,636 | \$ 7,169,067 |
| Gulf County's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a | | |
| percentage of its covered-employee payroll | 159.15% | 67.25% |
| Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability | 84.94% | 92.00% |

^{*} The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of 6/30 except for the covered payroll determined as of 9/30. The schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be displayed as the information becomes available.

GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS Last Ten Fiscal Years* SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

| | | 2016 | | 2015 |
|---|-----------------|--------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Contractually required contribution Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution Contribution deficiency (excess) | \$ <u>\$</u> | 1,375,744 (1,375,744) | \$ <u>\$</u> | 1,147,125 (1,147,125) |
| Gulf County's covered-employee payroll | \$ | 8,251,636 | \$ | 7,169,067 |
| Contribution as a percentage of covered-employee payroll | | 16.67% | 6 | 16.00% |

^{*} The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of 6/30 except for the covered payroll determined as of 9/30. The schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be displayed as the information becomes available.



Nonmajor Governmental Funds

Special Revenue Funds

<u>SECONDARY ROAD AND BRIDGE</u> – To account for fuel taxes, not obligated for debt repayment, and certain expenditures for road and bridge construction and maintenance.

FINES AND FORFEITURES – To account for fines earmarked for law enforcement and corrections.

<u>TOURIST DEVELOPMENT TRUST</u> – To account for a 4% local option tourist development tax levied for tourist promotion and beach and shoreline maintenance.

<u>SHERIFF</u> – To account for funds received associated with the public safety impact for the Gulf County Community.

<u>CLERK MODERNIZATION TRUST</u> – To account for the statutory surcharge on recording documents paid to the Clerk of the Circuit Court for the modernization of the Clerk's official records management system and for funding court-related technology needs of the Clerk.

<u>ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 86-12</u> – To account for additional court costs of traffic infractions used for administering traffic violations.

<u>HUD CDBG</u> – The Community Development Block Grant program provides resources to aid in affordable housing and create jobs through the expansion and retention of businesses.

<u>FIRE CONTROL DISTRICTS</u> – To account for property taxes levied within the following dependent special districts for fire prevention and control:

Howard Creek St. Joe Tupelo Overstreet

DISASTER CONTINGENCY – To account for cash committed to pay overtime during disasters.

<u>HOSPITAL</u> – To account for local option discretionary sales surtax levied and expenditures that help fund operations at the local hospital.

<u>WIRELESS 911</u> – To account for grants awarded from the State of Florida E911 Board for enhancement of the E911 system.

 $\underline{E911}$ – To account for fees levied on each communications service subscriber for funding certain costs of the County associated with the E911 system.

Nonmajor Governmental Funds

Special Revenue Funds (continued)

<u>MOSQUITO CONTROL</u> – To account for the receipt and expenditure of state grant funds used for mosquito control.

<u>BEACH RENOVATION</u> – To account for activity relating to the Cape San Blas beach re-nourishment and reconstruction project funded with bond proceeds.

<u>EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES</u> – To account for the receipt and expenditure of grants awarded by the Florida Department of Health. The funds must be used to improve and expand emergency medical services.

<u>INDUSTRIAL PARK EDA</u> – To account for the receipt and expenditure of Economic Development Administration Funds. The funds are to be used to develop working programs that benefit the economy of the County.

<u>STATE HOUSING INITIATIVE PARTNERSHIP</u> – To account for activity relating to the programs revenues and expenses.

<u>COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT</u> – To account for community development grant activity.

<u>BP RESTORATION ACT</u> – To account for the receipt and expenditure of BP Restoration Act Activity.

<u>CAPITAL PROJECTS</u> – To account for the expenditures related to capital projects.

GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA COMBINING BALANCE SHEET NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

| | | | Special Revo | enue | | |
|--|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | Fines and Forfeitures | Secondary Road and Bridge | Mosquito Control | St. Joe Fire <u>Control</u> | Tupelo Fire Control | Overstreet Fire Control |
| Assets | | | | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 406,363 | \$ 647,299 | \$ 83,925 | \$ 482,385 | \$ 136,639 | \$ 23,208 |
| Due from other funds | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ |
| Due from other governments | _ | _ | 10,000 | 10,343 | _ | _ |
| Accounts receivable (net) | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ |
| Prepaid expense | _ | | _ | _ | | _ |
| Notes receivable | | | | | | = |
| Total assets | 406,363 | 649,299 | 93,925 | 492,728 | 136,639 | 23,208 |
| Liabilities Deferred Inflows and fund balances Liabilities | | | | | | |
| | 4,916 | | 8,188 | 32,635 | 811 | 248 |
| Vouchers payable | | _ | 0,100 | 32,033 60 | 25 | 248 |
| Due to other governments | | | | | | |
| Total liabilities | 4,916 | | 8,188 | 32,695 | 836 | 248 |
| Deferred inflows Unearned exchanged transactions | <u> </u> | | | | | |
| Total deferred inflows | | | | <u> </u> | | |
| Fund balances | | | | | | |
| Nonspendable | _ | | | _ | | _ |
| Restricted | 401,447 | 647,299 | 85,737 | 460,033 | 135,803 | 22,960 |
| Committed | | | | | | |
| Total fund balances | 401,447 | 647,299 | 85,737 | 460,033 | 135,803 | 22,960 |
| Total Liabilities, Deferred Revenue and Fund Balances | \$ 406,36 <u>3</u> | <u>\$ 647,299</u> | <u>\$ 93,925</u> | <u>\$ 492,728</u> | <u>\$ 136,639</u> | \$ 23,208 (Continued) |

GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA COMBINING BALANCE SHEET NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS (continued) SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

| | | | Special Rev | enue | | |
|--|---------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------|-------------------|---------------------------|
| | Howard Creek Fire Control | EMS Grant | SHIP | CDBG | CDBG Raffield | Industrial Park EDA |
| Assets | | | | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 32,804 | \$ 131,991 | \$ 389,454 | \$ 57 | \$ 172 | \$ 98,671 |
| Due from other funds | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ |
| Due from other government | ts — | _ | _ | _ | | |
| Accounts receivable (net) | _ | _ | _ | _ | 32,465 | 5,872 |
| Prepaid expense | _ | _ | _ | _ | | |
| Notes receivable | <u> </u> | | 55,866 | <u></u> | 199,000 | 120,000 |
| Total assets | 32,804 | 131,991 | 445,320 | 57 | 231,637 | 224,543 |
| Liabilities Deferred Inflows and fund balances Liabilities | | | | | | |
| Vouchers payable | 459 | | 176,775 | | | |
| Due to other governments | | 39 | | _ | _ | _ |
| Due to other governments | | 39 | <u></u> | | | |
| Total liabilities | 459 | 39 | 176,775 | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | |
| Deferred inflows | | | | | | |
| Unearned exchanged | | | | | | |
| transactions | | 131,840 | 268,545 | | 199,000 | 120,000 |
| Total deferred inflows | | 131,840 | 268,545 | | 199,000 | 120,000 |
| Fund balances | | | | | | |
| Nonspendable | | | | | | |
| Restricted | 32,345 | 112 | _ | 57 | 32,637 | 104,543 |
| Committed | | _ | _ | _ | | |
| | | | | | | |
| Total fund balances | 32,345 | 112 | | 57 | 32,637 | 104,543 |
| Total Liabilities, Deferred | | | | | | |
| Revenues and Fund | | | | | | |
| Balances | <u>\$ 32,804</u> | <u>\$ 131,991</u> | <u>\$ 445,320</u> | <u>\$ 57</u> | <u>\$ 231,637</u> | <u>\$ 224,543</u> |
| | | | | | | (Continued) |

GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA COMBINING BALANCE SHEET NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS (continued) SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

| | | | Special Rev | enue | | |
|---|-----------------------------|----------------------------|---|---------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| | BP Restore Act | Beach <u>Renovation</u> | Hospital Fund | E911 Wireless Grant | E911 Services | Disaster Fund |
| Assets Cash and cash equivalents Due from other funds Due from other governments Accounts receivable (net) Prepaid expense | \$ 264,452 s 102,773 | \$ 103 | \$ 1,467,101 ——————————————————————————————————— | \$ (26,438) | \$ 280,174 8,299 — — | \$ 328,255 — — — — |
| Notes receivable Total assets | 367,708 | 103 | | 603 | 288,473 | 328,255 |
| Liabilities Deferred Inflows and fund balances | | | | | | |
| Liabilities Vouchers payable Due to other governments | 18,148 | | | <u></u> | 1,535 | |
| Total liabilities | 18,148 | | | | 1,535 | |
| Deferred inflows Unearned exchanged transactions | | | | | | |
| Total deferred inflows Fund balances | | | | | | |
| Nonspendable Restricted Committed | 483 — 349,077 | | 1,619,312 | 603 | 286,938 ——— | 328,255 |
| Total fund balances | 349,560 | 103 | 1,619,312 | 603 | 286,938 | 328,255 |
| Total Liabilities, Deferred Revenues and Fund Balances | <u>\$ 367,708</u> | <u>\$ 103</u> | <u>\$ 1,619,312</u> | <u>\$ 603</u> | <u>\$ 288,473</u> | <u>\$ 328,255</u> |

(Continued)

GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA COMBINING BALANCE SHEET NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS (continued) SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

| | | | Special Revenue | | | |
|--|-------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|---|
| | Tourist Develpment Fund | Capital <u>Projects</u> | Clerk Modernization <u>Fund</u> | Administrati Order 86-12 | ve <u>Sheriff SR</u> | Total Nonmajor Governmental <u>Funds</u> |
| Assets | | | | | | |
| - | \$ 1,927,812 | \$ 390,017 | \$ 278,909 | \$ 151,232 | \$ — | \$ 7,494,585 |
| Due from other funds | 125,765 | _ | _ | _ | _ | 134,064 |
| Due from other governments | 5 77,074 | _ | _ | _ | _ | 379,441 |
| Accounts receivable (net) | <u> </u> | | _ | _ | _ | 38,337 |
| Prepaid expense Notes receivable | 5,640 | _ | _ | _ | _ | 6,123 |
| Notes receivable | | | | | | <u>374,866</u> |
| Total assets | 2,136,291 | 390,017 | 278,909 | 151,232 | | 8,427,416 |
| Liabilities Deferred Inflows and fund balances Liabilities | | | | | | |
| Vouchers payable | 127,716 | 34,943 | 754 | | | 407,126 |
| Due to other governments | 24.984 | 34,943 | 734 | _ | _ | 25,108 |
| Due to other governments | 24,964 | | | | | 23,108 |
| Total liabilities | 152,700 | 34,943 | 754 | | | 432,234 |
| Deferred inflows Unearned exchanged | | | | | | |
| transactions | 34,750 | | | | | 754,136 |
| Total deferred inflows | 34,750 | | | | _ | 754,136 |
| | | | | | | |
| Fund balances | | | | | | |
| Nonspendable | 5,640 | _ | _ | _ | _ | 6,123 |
| Restricted | _ | | 278,155 | 151,232 | _ | 6,202,414 |
| Committed | 1,943,201 | 355,074 | | | <u></u> | 1,032,509 |
| Total fund balances | 1,948,841 | 355,074 | 278,155 | <u>151,232</u> | | 7,241,046 |
| Total Liabilities, Deferred Revenues and Fund Balances | \$ 2,136,291 | \$ 390,017 | \$ 278,90 <u>9</u> | \$ 151,232 | \$ | \$ 8,427,416 |

GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

| | | Special Revenue | | | | | | |
|--|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|--|
| | Fines and Forfeitures | Secondary Road and Bridge | Mosquito Control | St. Joe Fire Control | Tupelo Fire <u>Control</u> | Overstreet Fire Control | | |
| Revenues | Ф | Φ 160 600 | Ф | ф. 405 77 0 | Φ 51.540 | Ф 22.012 | | |
| Taxes | \$ — | \$ 168,682 | \$ — | \$ 425,772 | \$ 51,548 | \$ 23,013 | | |
| License and permits | | | 42.012 | 26.512 | 2.764 | 1 276 | | |
| Intergovernmental | _ | | 43,012 | 26,512 | 3,764 | 1,376 | | |
| Fines and forfeitures | 20.144 | | | _ | _ | _ | | |
| Charges for services | 20,144 | | _ | _ | _ | _ | | |
| Investment earnings | 26.225 | | 1.207 | | | | | |
| and other | 26,225 | | 1,386 | | | | | |
| Total revenues | 46,369 | 168,682 | 44,398 | 452,283 | 55,312 | 24,389 | | |
| Expenditures | | | | | | | | |
| Current | | | | | | | | |
| General government | | _ | | _ | | _ | | |
| Public safety | 17,830 | | _ | 243,829 | 50,194 | 6,871 | | |
| Physical environment | , <u> </u> | | _ | , <u> </u> | ´ — | , <u> </u> | | |
| Transportation | _ | | _ | _ | _ | | | |
| Economic environment | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | | |
| Human services | _ | _ | 9,074 | _ | _ | _ | | |
| Culture and recreation | _ | _ | | _ | _ | _ | | |
| Court related | 2,863 | | | | 142 | _ | | |
| Debt service | | | | | | _ | | |
| Capital outlay | | | 55,826 | 247,097 | | 17,533 | | |
| Total expenditures | 20,694 | | 64,900 | 490,926 | 50,336 | 24,403 | | |
| Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) | | 4.40.400 | (20.702) | (20.112) | | 4.0 | | |
| expenditures | 25,676 | 168,682 | (20,502) | (38,643) | 4,976 | (14) | | |
| Other financing sources (use | es) | | | | | | | |
| Transfers in | _ | | | _ | _ | _ | | |
| Transfers out | _ | | | (37,910) | (5,796) | (2,897) | | |
| Sale of equipment | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | | | |
| Debt proceeds | | | | | | = | | |
| Total other financing | | | | | | | | |
| Sources (uses) | | | | (37,910) | (5,796) | (2,897) | | |
| Net change in fund balances | 25,676 | 168,682 | (20,502) | (76,553) | (820) | (2,911) | | |
| Fund balances - beginning | 375,771 | 478,617 | 106,239 | 536,586 | 136,623 | 25,871 | | |
| Fund balances - ending | <u>\$ 401,447</u> | <u>\$ 647,299</u> | <u>\$ 85,737</u> | <u>\$ 460,033</u> | \$ 135,803 (C | \$ 22,960 ontinued) | | |

GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS (continued) YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

| | | Special Revenue | | | | | |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|-----------|--------------|------------------|---------------------------|--|
| | Howard Creek Fire Control | EMS Grant | SHIP | CDBG | CDBG Raffield | Industrial Park EDA | |
| Revenues | | | | | | | |
| Taxes | \$ 17,597 | \$ — | \$ — | \$ — | \$ — | \$ — | |
| License and permits | | _ | _ | | · — | | |
| Intergovernmental | 542 | 2,219 | 708,981 | | _ | _ | |
| Fines and forfeitures | _ | _ | _ | | _ | _ | |
| Charges for services | | _ | _ | | _ | | |
| Investment earnings | | | | | | | |
| and other | 13,781 | 3 | 4,345 | | 6,742 | 3,765 | |
| Total revenues | 31,920 | 2,222 | 713,326 | = | 6,742 | 3,765 | |
| Expenditures | | | | | | | |
| Current | | | | | | | |
| General government | _ | _ | _ | | _ | _ | |
| Public safety | 9,756 | 2,219 | _ | | | _ | |
| Physical environment | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | |
| Transportation | _ | _ | | _ | _ | | |
| Economic environment | _ | _ | 842,345 | | _ | 265 | |
| Human services | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | |
| Culture and recreation | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | |
| Court related | | _ | _ | | | _ | |
| Debt service | | _ | _ | | | _ | |
| Capital outlay | | | | | | | |
| Total expenditures | 9,756 | 2,219 | 842,345 | | | <u>265</u> | |
| Excess (deficiency) of | | | | | | | |
| revenues over (under) | | | | | | | |
| expenditures | 22,164 | 3 | (129,019) | | 6,742 | 3,500 | |
| Other financing sources (use | es) | | | | | | |
| Transfers in | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | | |
| Transfers out | (1,690) | _ | _ | _ | _ | | |
| Sale of equipment | _ | _ | _ | | _ | _ | |
| Debt proceeds | | | | | | | |
| Total other financing | | | | | | | |
| Sources (uses) | (1,690) | | | | | | |
| Net change in fund balances | | 3 | (129,019) | _ | 6,742 | 3,500 | |
| Fund balances - beginning | 11,872 | 109 | 129,019 | 57 | 25,895 | 101,043 | |
| Fund balances - ending | <u>\$ 32,346</u> | <u>\$ 112</u> | <u>\$</u> | <u>\$ 57</u> | <u>\$ 32,637</u> | \$ 104,543 ontinued) | |
| | | | | | (C | onunueu) | |

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GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS (continued) YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

| | Special Revenue | | | | | | |
|---|-----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| D. | BP Restore <u>Act</u> | Beach <u>Renovation</u> | Hospital Fund | E911 Wireless Grant | E911 Services | Disaster Fund | |
| Revenues | ¢. | ¢ | ¢ 972.201 | ¢ | ¢ | ¢ | |
| Taxes License and permits | \$ — | \$ — | \$ 873,391 | \$ — | \$ — | \$ — | |
| Intergovernmental | 478,343 | | | 27.041 | 123,054 | | |
| Fines and forfeitures | 470,545 | | _ | 27,041 | 123,034 | | |
| Charges for services | 43,486 | | | | | | |
| Investment earnings | 73,700 | | | | | | |
| and other | _ | 1,281 | 1,064 | 1 | 428 | _ | |
| Total revenues | 521,829 | 1,281 | 874,455 | 27,042 | 123,482 | | |
| Total Tevenues | 321,027 | 1,201 | 074,433 | 21,042 | 123,402 | | |
| Expenditures | | | | | | | |
| Current | | | | | | | |
| General government | 494,465 | _ | _ | | 100 (55 | | |
| Public safety | _ | _ | | 27,041 | 108,677 | 11,805 | |
| Physical environment | _ | | | | | | |
| Transportation | _ | | | | | | |
| Economic environment | _ | | 462,086 | | _ | _ | |
| Human services | 2765 | _ | 402,080 | _ | _ | _ | |
| Culture and recreation Court related | 2,765 | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | |
| Debt service | _ | | | | | _ | |
| Capital outlay | 139,559 | | | | 4,148 | | |
| Capital Outlay | 139,339 | | <u></u> | | 4,140 | | |
| Total expenditures | 636,789 | | 462,086 | 27,041 | 112,825 | 11,805 | |
| Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures | (114,960) | 1,281 | 412,369 | 1 | 10,657 | (11,805) | |
| Other financing sources (use | es) | | | | | | |
| Transfers in | _ | _ | _ | | _ | | |
| Transfers out | _ | (856,157) | (70,000) | _ | | | |
| Sale of equipment | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | |
| Debt proceeds | | | | | | | |
| Total other financing | | | | | | | |
| Sources (uses) | | (856,157) | (70,000) | | | | |
| Net change in fund balances | (114,960) | (854,876) | 342,369 | 1 | 10,657 | (11,805) | |
| Fund balances - beginning | 464,520 | <u>854,979</u> | 1,276,943 | 602 | 276,282 | 340,060 | |
| Fund balances - ending | <u>\$ 349,560</u> | <u>\$ 103</u> | <u>\$ 1,619,312</u> | <u>\$ 603</u> | \$ 286,938 (Co | <u>\$ 328,255</u> ontinued) | |

GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS (continued) YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

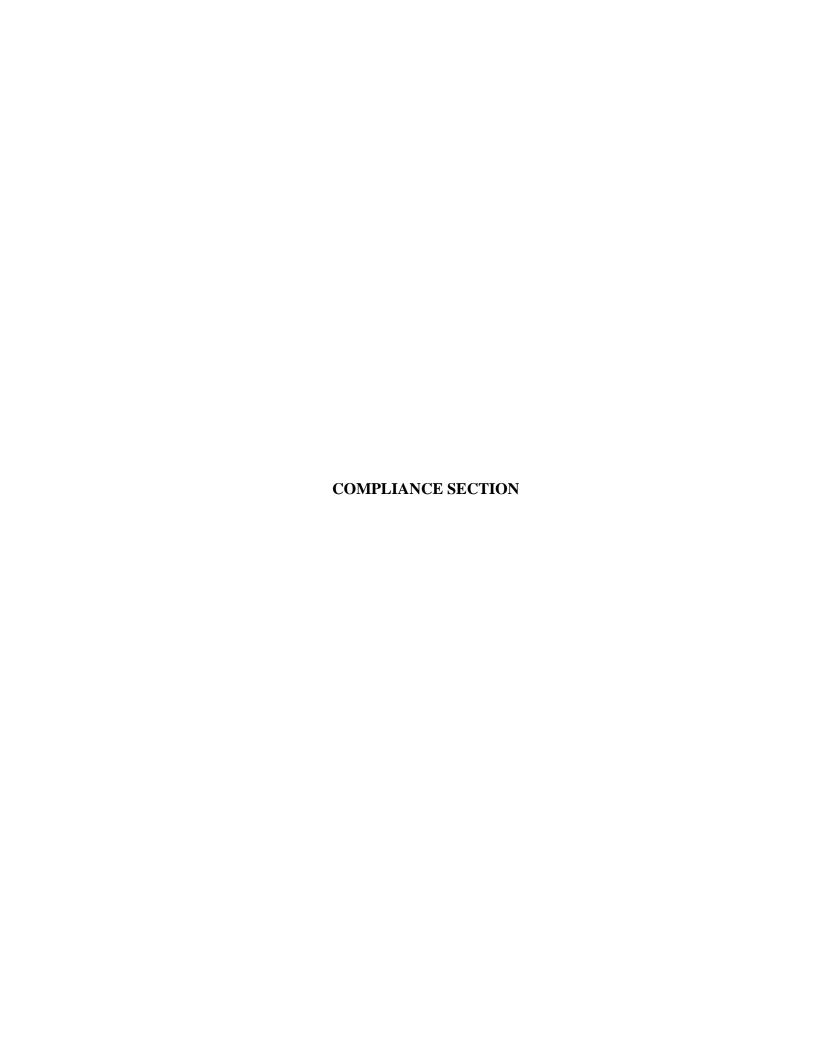
| Special Revenue | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|---|---------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------|---|
| n. | Tourist Development Fund | Capital Projects | Clerk Modernization Fund | Administrative Order 86-12 | Sheriff SR | Total Nonmajor Governmental <u>Funds</u> |
| Revenues | Ф. 1.002.001 | ф | ф | Ф | Ф | Ф. 2.442. 004 |
| Taxes | \$ 1,882,981 | \$ — | \$ — | \$ — | \$ — | \$ 3,442,984 |
| License and permits | 1,000 | | _ | _ | _ | 1,000 |
| Intergovernmental | 97,645 | | | | _ | 1,512,488 |
| Fines and forfeitures | | | 11,332 | _ | _ | 11,332 |
| Charges for services | 33,975 | _ | 38,281 | _ | _ | 135,886 |
| Investment earnings | 4.040 | 0.400 | • • • | | | |
| and other | 1,868 | 8,490 | 292 | <u>145</u> | | 69,816 |
| Total revenues | 2,017,469 | 8,490 | 49,905 | 145 | | 5,173,506 |
| Expenditures | | | | | | |
| Current | | | | | | |
| General government | _ | | _ | _ | | 494,465 |
| Public safety | _ | | _ | _ | 9,000 | 487,221 |
| Physical environment | 582,633 | | _ | _ | · — | 582,633 |
| Transportation | · — | | _ | _ | _ | · — |
| Economic environment | 1,081,865 | | _ | _ | | 1,924,475 |
| Human services | , , <u>, </u> | | _ | _ | | 471,160 |
| Culture and recreation | 230,991 | | _ | _ | | 233,756 |
| Court related | ´ <u>—</u> | | 19,810 | _ | _ | 22,815 |
| Debt service | _ | | , <u> </u> | _ | | · — |
| Capital outlay | 8,718 | 271,099 | | | | 743,980 |
| Total expenditures | 1,904,207 | 271,099 | 19,810 | | 9,000 | 4,960,505 |
| Excess (deficiency) of | | | | | | |
| revenues over (under) expenditures | 113,262 | (262,609) | 30,095 | 145 | (9,000) | 213,001 |
| Other financing sources (use | | | | | | |
| Transfers in | .a) | 341,829 | | | 9,000 | 350,829 |
| Transfers in Transfers out | _ | 341,029 | (44,673) | _ | 9,000 | (1,019,123) |
| Sale of equipment | 650 | | (44,073) | _ | _ | (1,019,123) |
| Debt proceeds | — — | _ | _ | _ | _ | |
| 1 | | - | | | | |
| Total other financing | | | | | | |
| Sources (uses) | 650 | 341,829 | (44,673) | | 9,000 | (667,644) |
| Net change in fund balances | 113,912 | 79,220 | (14,578) | 145 | _ | (454,643) |
| Fund balances - beginning | 1,834,928 | 275,854 | 292,733 | 151,087 | | 7,695,689 |
| Fund balances - ending | <u>\$ 1,948,840</u> | <u>\$ 355,074</u> | <u>\$ 278,155</u> | <u>\$ 151,232</u> | <u>\$</u> | <u>\$ 7,241,046</u> |

GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA COMBINING BALANCE SHEET AGENCY FUNDS SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

| | _ | Agency Funds – Clerk | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------|-----------|----------------------|----|--------------------------|----|--------------------|----|---------------|------------------|----|----------|
| | | Fee Trust | | rticle V <u>Trust</u> | | gistry of Court | | nild pport | ry and itness | | Bonds |
| Assets | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cash and cash | | | | | | | | | | | |
| equivalents | \$ | 25,100 | \$ | 44,171 | \$ | 234,936 | \$ | 4,307 | \$ 4,669 | \$ | 7,500 |
| Accounts receivable | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (net) | | 20 | | _ | | 30 | | 20 | _ | | _ |
| Due from other funds | | 43 | | | | | | | | | |
| Total Assets | _ | 25,163 | | 44,171 | | 234,966 | _ | 4,327 | 4,669 | | 7,500 |
| Liabilities | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Due to individuals | | 6,610 | | 2,583 | | 234,966 | | 1,000 | _ | | 7,500 |
| Due to other funds | | 10,159 | | 17,059 | | _ | | 3,312 | 1,501 | | _ |
| Due to Board of | | | | | | | | | | | |
| County Commissioner | rs | 2,434 | | 7,242 | | _ | | | | | _ |
| Due to other | | | | | | | | | | | |
| governments | _ | 5,961 | | 17,287 | | | | 15 | 3,168 | _ | <u> </u> |
| Total Liabilities | <u>\$</u> | 25,163 | \$ | 44,171 | \$ | 234,966 | \$ | 4,327 | \$ 4,669 | \$ | 7,500 |

GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA COMBINING BALANCE SHEET AGENCY FUNDS SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

| | Agency Funds Sheriff | | Agenc Tax C | _ | | |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|----------------|-----------------|-------------------|--|
| | Individual Depository | | Tax | Tag Agency | - Totals | |
| Assets | | | | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ | 510 | 380,932 | \$ 1,820 | \$ 703,945 | |
| Accounts receivable (net) | , | 700 | _ | _ | 770 | |
| Due from other funds | - | | | | 43 | |
| Total Assets | 1, | 210 | 380,932 | 1,820 | 704,758 | |
| Liabilities | | | | | | |
| Due to individuals | | 510 | 379,920 | _ | 633,089 | |
| Due to other funds | | _ | _ | _ | 32,031 | |
| Due to Board of | | | | | | |
| County Commissioners | , | 700 | 688 | _ | 11,063 | |
| Due to other governments | | | 324 | 1,820 | 28,575 | |
| Total Liabilities | <u>\$ 1,</u> | <u>210</u> § | 380,932 | <u>\$ 1,820</u> | <u>\$ 704,758</u> | |



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON EXAMINATION OF COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 10.550, RULES OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL

Honorable Members of the Board of County Commissioners Gulf County, Florida

We have examined Gulf County, Florida's (the County) compliance with Section 218.415, Florida Statutes, regarding the investment of public funds and Section 365.172(10) and 365.172(2)(d), Florida Statutes, regarding emergency communications number E911 system fund during the year ended September 30, 2016. Management is responsible for the County's compliance with those requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the County's compliance based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and, accordingly, included examining, on a test basis, evidence about the County's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our examination provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our examination does not provide a legal determination on the County's compliance with specified requirements.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and, accordingly, included examining, on a test basis, evidence about the County's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our examination provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our examination does not provide a legal determination on County's compliance with specified requirements.

In our opinion, the County complied, in all material respects, with the aforementioned requirements for the year ended September 30, 2016.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the County and the Auditor General, State of Florida, and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Vance CPA LLC April 28, 2017

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT LETTER

Honorable Members of the Board of County Commissioners Gulf County, Florida

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the financial statements of each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of Gulf, County, Florida, Board of County Commissioners, (hereinafter referred to as the "Board"), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated April 28, 2017.

Auditors' Responsibility

We conducted our audit 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; Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance): and Chapter 10.550, *Rules of the Auditor General*.

Other Reports and Schedule

We have issued our Independent Auditors' Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of the Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*; Independent Auditors' Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program and State Project and Report on Internal Control over Compliance; Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs; and Independent Accountants' Report on an examination conducted in accordance with *AICPA Professional Standards*, Section 601, regarding compliance requirements in accordance with Chapter 10.550, *Rules of the Auditor General*. Disclosure in those reports and schedule, which are dated April 28, 2017, should be considered in conjunction with this management letter.

Prior Audit Findings

Section 10.554(1)(i)1., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we determine whether or not corrective actions have been taken to address findings and recommendations made in the preceding annual financial audit report. Corrective actions have been taken to address findings and recommendations made in the preceding annual financial report to the extent considered necessary by the County, except as repeated under the heading current year findings and recommendations. See also Summary Schedule of Prior Year Audit Findings.

Other Matters

Section 10.554(1)(i)2., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we address in the management letter any recommendations to improve financial management. In connection with our audit, we did not have any such recommendations.

Section 10.554 (1)(i)3., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we address noncompliance with provisions of contracts or grant agreements, or abuse, that have occurred, or are likely to have occurred, that have an effect on the financial statements that is less than material but which warrants the attention of those charged with governance. In connection with our audit, we did not have any such findings.

Section 10.554(1)(i)4., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that the name or official title and legal authority for the primary government and each component unit of the reporting entity be disclosed in the management letter, unless disclosed in the notes to the financial statements. Gulf County, Florida was established by the Constitution of the State of Florida, Article VIII, Section 1(e). The name or official title and legal authority for the primary government and each component unit of the reporting entity are disclosed in note 1 of the notes to the financial statements.

Section 10.554(1)(i)5.a. and 10.556(7), Rules of the Auditor General, requires a statement be included as to whether or not the local governmental entity has met one or more of the conditions described in Section 219.503(1), Florida Statutes, and identification of the specific condition(s) met. In connection with our audit, we determined that the Gulf County, Florida did not meet any of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes.

Pursuant to Sections 10.554(1)(i)5.b. and 10.556(7), Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we determine whether the annual financial report for Gulf County, Florida for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2016, filed with the Florida Department of Financial Services pursuant to Section 218.32(1)(a), Florida Statutes, is in agreement with the annual financial audit report for the fiscal year ended September 31, 2016. In connection with our audit, we determined that these two reports were in agreement.

Pursuant to Sections 10.554(1)(i)5.c., and 10.556(8), Rules of the Auditor General, we applied financial condition assessment procedures. It is management's responsibility to monitor the County's financial condition, and our financial condition assessments as based in part on representations made by management and the review of financial information provided by same.

Purpose of this Letter

Our management letter is intended solely for the information and use of the Legislative Auditing Committee, members of the Florida Senate and the Florida House of Representatives, the Florida Auditor General, and the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Vance CPA LLC April 28, 2017

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Honorable Members of the Board of County Commissioners Gulf County, Florida

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 Gulf County, Florida, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Gulf County Florida's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated April 28, 2017.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. However, as described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses and significant deficiencies.

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. We consider the deficiencies described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses to be material weaknesses. (2016-001).

Compliance and Other Matters

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

Gulf County Florida's Response to Findings

Gulf County Florida's response to the findings identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses. Gulf County Florida's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

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.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS FOR EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM AND STATE PROJECT, REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE, AND REPORT ON THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE AND CHAPTER 10.550 RULES OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA

Honorable Members of the Board of County Commissioners Gulf County, Florida

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal and State Program

We have audited Gulf County, Florida's (the County) compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* and the requirements described in the Florida Department of Financial Services *State Projects Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the County's major federal programs and state projects for the year ended September 30, 2016. The County's major federal programs and state projects are identified in the summary of auditors' results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

Management's Responsibility

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements of laws, regulation, 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's major federal programs and state 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 and 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 Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance) and Chapter 10.550 Rules of the Auditor General. Those standards and the Uniform Guidance, and Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General, 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 and state project occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the County's 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 and state project. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of Gulf County, Florida's compliance.

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program and State Project

In our opinion, Gulf County, Florida 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 and state projects for the year ended September 30, 2016.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

Management of the County is responsible for establishing and maintain 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's internal control over compliance wit6h the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each major federal program and state project 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 state project and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance and Chapter 10.550, *Rules of the Auditor General*, 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'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 or state project 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 or state project 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 or state project 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 all 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 Chapter 10.550, *Rules of the Auditor General*. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

Report on Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Award and State Financial Assistance Required by the Uniform Guidance and Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Gulf County, Florida, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2016, and the notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements. We issued our report thereon dated April 28, 2017, which contained unmodified opinions on those financial statements. Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the basic financial statements. The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards and State Financial Assistance is presented for the purposes of additional analysis as required by the Uniform Guidance and Chapter 10.550, *Rules of the Auditor General*, and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements.

The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards and State Financial Assistance is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Vance CPA LLC April 28, 2017

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GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES FEDERAL AWARDS & STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

| Federal Financial Assistance Programs | CFDA # | Contract/Grant Number | Expenditures | | |
|--|--------------------------------------|---|--|--|--|
| U.S. Department of Agriculture Passed through Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services – Florida Forest Service South Gulf Fire & Rescue 50/50 Volunteer Fire Asst Grant | 10.664 | March 2016 | 10,343 | | |
| U.S. Department of the Interior/U.S. Fish & Wildlife Son Passed through Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Development of Habitat Conservation Plan | e rvice 15.625 | 13023 & F12AP00157 | 146,177 | | |
| U.S. Department of Justice Pass through Florida Department of Law Enforcement 2015-2016 EB Memorial JAG-Operation Safe Streets | 16.738 | 2016-JAGC-GULF-1-H3-136 | | | |
| U.S. Department of the Treasury Direct Component Planning Assistance (MYIP) | 21.015 | RDCGR00003-01-02 | <u>17,474</u> 478,343 | | |
| U.S. Election Assistance Commission Pass through Florida Department of State – Division of Elections | | | | | |
| 2015-2016 Help America Vote Act | 90.401 | 2015-2016-0003-P-GUL | 118,172 | | |
| U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, Agency Office of Child Support Enforcement Pass through Florida Department Revenue 2015-2016 Child Support Enforcement Title IV-D | for Childre | en & Families, | | | |
| Service of Process 2015-2016 Child Support Enforcement Title IV-D | 93.563 | CST23 | 2,138 | | |
| Services Reimbursement FY2014 Child Support Enforcement Title IV-D | 93-563 | COC23 | 120,138 | | |
| Incentive Pay | 93.563 | CST23(INCENTIVE) | <u> 156</u> | | |
| Total U.S. Department of Health & Human Services | | | 122,433 | | |
| U.S. Department of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency Pass through Florida Division of Emergency Management | | | | | |
| FEMA 4068-15-R-Stump Hole Revetment (Phase VII) 2015-2016 Emergency Mgmt Performance Grant 2016-2017 Emergency Mgmt Performance Grant 2014-2015 State of Florida Homeland Security Grant Prog Total U.S. Department of Homeland Security | 97.039 97.042 97.042 97.067 | 14HM-6B-02-33-01-406 16-FG-5A-02-33-01-089 17-FG-P9-02-33-01-096 15-DS-P4-02-33-01-279 | 2,036 40,506 9,196 16,000 67,738 | | |
| Total Federal | | | <u>\$ 960,680</u> | | |

GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES FEDERAL AWARDS & STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (continued) YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

| State Financial Assistance Projects | CFDA # | Contract/Grant Number | Expenditures |
|--|--------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Executive Office of the Governor – Division of Emerger | ncy Manag | rement | |
| 2015-2016 Emergency Mgmt Preparedness | icy Manag | cincin | |
| & Assistance Grant | 31.063 | 16-BG-83-02-33-01-022 | 78,862 |
| 2016-2017 Emergency Mgmt Preparedness | | | |
| & Assistance Grant | 31.063 | 17-BG-83-02-33-01-029 | 23,930 |
| Total Division of Emergency Management | | | 102,791 |
| Florida Department of Environmental Protection | | | |
| St Joseph Peninsula Beach Restoration – Project Monitoring | 37.003 | 13GU2 | 92,645 |
| 2015-2016 Small County Solid Waste Grant | 37.012 | SC612 | 90,909 |
| Total Florida Department of Environmental Protection | | | 183,554 |
| Elected Description of Elected Company | | | |
| Florida Department Economic Opportunity 2015-2016 CHRN Marketing Grant | 40.006 | 2015/2016AP-35754 | 5,000 |
| 2013-2010 CHRIV Walketing Grant | 40.000 | 2013/2010AI -33/34 | |
| Florida Housing Finance Corporation | | | |
| SFY1314 TO SFY1617 SHIP & Program Income | 40.901 | SFY1314TOSFY1617 | 713,326 |
| Elanida Danautusant of Aaniaultusa & Canausan Sassia | | | |
| Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Service | 42.003 | 2011-2012#17223 | 2.067 |
| Anthropod Control Mosquito Control State Aid Anthropod Control Mosquito Control State Aid | 42.003 | 2011-2012#17223 | 2,067 18,500 |
| | 42.003 | 2012-2013#18780 | 29,456 |
| Anthropod Control Mosquito Control State Aid | | | |
| Anthropod Control Mosquito Control State Aid | 42.003 | 2014-2015#21329 | 6,689 |
| Total Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services | | | 56,712 |
| Florida Department of State | | | |
| 2015-2016 Operation of Equalization State Aid Grants | 45.030 | 16-ST-44 | 52,538 |
| | | | |
| Florida Department of Transportation | | | |
| County Incentive Grant Program Old Bay City Rd. Ph. II | 55.008 | 428035-2-58-01 | 947,920 |
| County Incentive Grant Program Old Bay City Rd. Ph. III | 55.008 | 428035-3-54-01 | 48,967 |
| Small County Outreach Program – Paving Jarrott Daniels Ro Small County Outreach Program – | d 55.009 | 431389-1-58-01 | 1,731,965 |
| Widening & Resurf CR30B | 55.009 | 433353-1-58-01 | 1,187,599 |
| Small County Outreach Program – Resurf CR5 | 55.009 | 410406-2-54-01 | 77,635 |
| | | | 9,375 |
| Small County Road Assist Program – Resurf Atlantic St | 55.016 | 436718-1-54-01 431225-1-58-01 | |
| Small County Road Assist Program – Resurf CR30A Transportation Regional Incentive Program | 55.016 | 431223-1-36-01 | 1,950,949 |
| Stumphole Revetment (Phase VII) | 55.026 | 422457-3-38-01 | 679 |
| | J - 0 | | |
| Total Department of Transportation | | | 5,955,089 |

GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES FEDERAL AWARDS & STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (continued) YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

| | | Contract/Grant | |
|--|--------|----------------|---------------------|
| State Financial Assistance Projects | CFDA # | Number | Expenditures |
| Florida Department of Health 2012-2013 Bureau of Emergency Medical Services | | | |
| County Grant | 64.005 | C1023 | 533 |
| 2013-2014 Bureau of Emergency Medical Services County Grant 2014-2015 Bureau of Emergency Medical Services | 64.005 | C2023 | 1,035 |
| County Grant | 64.005 | C3023 | <u>651</u> |
| Total Department of Health | | | 2,218 |
| Florida E911 Board | | | |
| 2016 Rural County Grant Program | 72.001 | 16-04-09 | 27,041 |
| Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission (FV Florida Boating Improvement Grant – Sauls Creek | VC) | | |
| Boat Ramp | 77.006 | 12256 | 125,873 |
| Total State | | | <u>\$ 7,224,143</u> |

GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS & STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

Note 1 – General

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards and State Financial Assistance (the Schedule) presents the activity of all federal awards and state financial assistance programs of Gulf County, Florida (the County). The County reporting entity is defined in Note 1 to the County's basic financial statements for the year ended September 30, 2016. The information in this Schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of 2 CFR 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 the County, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net position, or cash flows for the county.

Note 2 – Basis of Accounting

The accompanying Schedule is presented using the modified accrual basis of accounting, which is described in Note 1 to the County's basic financial statements for the year ended September 30, 2016. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement.

GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

Section 1 – Summary of Auditor's Results

Financial Statements

| Type of auditor's report issued | * | Unmodified | |
|---|--|------------|--------------------|
| Internal control over financial report Material weakness(es) identi | _ | X yes | no |
| Significant deficiency(ies)ide | | <u></u> | no |
| considered to be material w | | yes | X none reported |
| Noncompliance material to f | inancial statements noted: | yes | X_no |
| Federal Awards and State Financial | Assistance | | |
| Internal control over major p | rograms | | |
| material weakness(es) ident | | yes | <u>X</u> no |
| Significant deficiency (ies) is considered to be material w | | | V |
| considered to be material w | eaknesses? | yes | X none Reported |
| Type of auditor's report issued on co for major programs | ompliance | Unmodified | |
| Any audit findings disclosed that are to be reported in accordance with 2 | * | | |
| Rules of the Auditor General? | C1 K 200.510(a) 01 | yes | X_no |
| Identification of major federal award | ds/state financial assistance pr | ojects: | |
| CFDA/CSFA Number | Name of Federal Award or S | | Assistance Project |
| 21.015 | Direct Component Planning Assis | stance | |
| 55.009 55.016 | Small County Outreach Program Small County Outreach Program | | |
| 40.901 | SHIP | | |
| | | | |

(continued)

GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES (continued) YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

 $Section \ V-Other \ Issues$

| Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs | \$750,000 Fed | leral/\$300,000 State | | | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee? | <u>X</u> yes | none | | | | | |
| Section II – Financial Statement Findings | | | | | | | |
| See Summary Schedule of Current Year Findings | | | | | | | |
| Section III - Findings and Questioned Costs - Major Federal Award Progr | rams | | | | | | |
| No findings or questioned costs in the current year. | | | | | | | |
| Section IV – Findings and Questioned Costs – Major State Financial Assista | ance Projects | | | | | | |
| No findings or questioned costs in the current year. | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |

No Corrective Action Plan is required because there were no findings required to be reported under $2\ CFR\ 200.516(a)$ or the Florida single Audit Act.

GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR AUDIT FINDINGS SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

2015-001 Segregation of Duties

Status: See current year findings.

GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF CURRENT YEAR AUDIT FINDINGS SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

2016-001 Segregation of Duties (Prior Year 2015-001, 2014-001, 13-01, 12-01, 11-08 and 10-01)

The following Constitutional Officer was considered to lack proper segregation of duties necessary for proper internal controls: the Sheriff's Office. Proper segregation of accounting and administrative duties includes the requirement that no single person has (1) the ability to authorize transactions, (2) access to assets, and (3) the ability to record financial transactions. The failure to maintain separation of these functions subjects the County to risk that material misstatements or fraud may occur and not be detected by employees in a timely manner during the performance of their assigned tasks. The limited number of employees within the offices precludes ideal segregation of duties. We recommend that in the absence of the ability to hire additional employees, that alternative procedures, including additional oversight with regard to certain functions, be performed regularly to mitigate the risks caused by this deficiency in internal controls.

RECOMMENDATION – Mitigating procedures including additional oversight with regard to certain duties should be performed regularly in the absence of hiring additional employees

RESPONSE – Due to the limited number of employees, it is virtually impossible to maintain complete segregation of accounting and administrative duties among employees. However, every effort is being made to accomplish effective internal controls.