

JOHNSON COUNTY, TEXAS

Notes to the Financial Statements

For The Year Ended September 30, 2014

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

Reporting Entity - continued

Johnson County Appraisal District -

This is a separate entity providing property appraisal services to all taxing units within the County. This entity has its own governing board, elected by the various taxing units, which it serves; however, the taxing units do not designate management or significantly influence operations. The entity's cost of operations is divided on a prorated basis among the various taxing units within the County. Johnson County's share of this cost is disclosed within the General Fund under the Financial Administration function.

Other entities within the County, which provide similar services but are not included in the reporting entity because they do not meet the criteria, are: municipalities, school districts, drainage districts, hospital districts, water districts and various non-profit organizations.

Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of activities) report financial information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the primary government. For the most part, interfund activity has been removed from these statements; however, interfund services provided and used are not eliminated in the process of consolidation. Governmental activities, which normally are 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. The County has no business-type activities.

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

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds and fiduciary funds, even though the latter are excluded from government-wide financial statements. Major individual governmental funds and major individual enterprise funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements. The County has no enterprise fund.

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 and fiduciary fund (excluding agency funds, which have no measurement focus but are on the accrual basis of accounting) financial statements. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.