

ROCKWALL COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

SEPTEMBER 30, 2012

I. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting and reporting policies of Rockwall County (the “County”) reflected in the accompanying financial statements conform to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP). The County’s reporting entity applies all relevant Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements. The most significant accounting and reporting policies of the County are described in the notes to the financial statements.

A. Reporting Entity

Rockwall County (the “County”) was founded in 1873 and operates under the laws of the State of Texas and subsequent court orders providing the following services: public safety (law enforcement and detention facilities, contracts for fire and ambulance service), public welfare (social services, public health), highways and streets, judicial administration and records, library, public improvements, and general administrative services.

The accompanying financial statements present the County and its component units, entities for which the government is considered to be financially accountable. Blended component units, although legally separate entities, are, in substance, part of the County’s operations. Discretely presented component units are reported in a separate column in the government-wide financial statements to emphasize they are legally separate from the County. We have adopted the provisions of Statement No. 39 of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, *Determining Whether Certain Organizations are Component Units*, an amendment of Statement No. 14 of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, *The Financial Reporting Entity*, as of September 30, 2011. There are no organizations that meet the requirements of GASB 39 which require inclusion in the basic financial statements.

B. Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net assets and the statement of activities) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the County. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenue, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely, to a significant extent, on fees and charges for support. The County has no business-type activities.

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