

The independent audit of the financial statements of the County of Rockwall was part of a broader, federally mandated “Single Audit” designed to meet the special needs of federal and state grantor agencies. The standards governing Single Audit engagements require the independent auditor to report not only on the fair presentation of the financial statements, but also on the audited government’s internal controls and legal requirements involving the administration of federal and state awards. These reports are available in the last section of this report.

Management’s discussion and analysis (MD&A) immediately follows the independent auditor’s report and provides a narrative introduction, overview, and analysis of the basic financial statements. MD&A complements this letter of transmittal and should be read in conjunction with it.

Profile of the Government

Rockwall County was organized in 1873 and is located approximately 25 miles east of the City of Dallas, on the eastern shore of Lake Ray Hubbard. The County’s population has grown by 82% over the 2000 census to the 2010 census. The 2010 census population for the County is approximately 78,337, while the estimated 2020 population is 118,546. The County has a land area of approximately 149 square miles. The City of Rockwall is the County Seat.

Rockwall County operates as specified under the Constitution of the State of Texas and its statutes which provide for a Commissioners Court consisting of the County Judge and four Commissioners, one for each of four geographical commissioners precincts. The County Judge is elected for a term of four years and the Commissioners for four year staggered terms. Other major County elected officers include the County Clerk and the County Treasurer. The County Auditor is appointed for a term of two years by and serves at the will of the District Judges whose courts are located in Rockwall County.

Rockwall County provides essential elements that make our communities livable: county roads and bridges, public improvements, juvenile probation and education, law enforcement and corrections, a court system to protect our legal rights, secure storage of our important public records and protection against threats to public health, to include providing health care to the indigent. Rockwall County shares, along with its cities, the expense to provide emergency medical services and fire protection services that adds to the safety for local residents.

The County Judge serves as budget officer for the Commissioners Court of the county. The County Judge is responsible for preparing an annual budget for all funds. The County Judge assisted by the County Auditor shall prepare a budget to cover all proposed expenditures of the county government for the succeeding fiscal year. The annual budget serves as the foundation for the County of Rockwall’s financial planning and control. All County funds, including special revenue funds, are annually appropriated and have their budgets adopted. The special revenue funds that have legally adopted budgets are the Emergency Management Fund, Fire Code Enforcement Fund, Court Record Preservation Fund, District Court Technology Fund, Law Library Fund, County/District Court Technology Fund, Justice Court Building Security Fund, D.A. State Fund, D. A. Forfeiture Fund, Cities Readiness Initiative Fund, Sheriff’s Abandoned Property Fund, Emergency Management Federal Grant Fund, Errors and Omissions Fund, Public Safety Sale Tax, Child Abuse Prevention Fund, District Clerk Records Management Fund, Court Reporter Fund, Appellate Justice System Fund, Justice Court Technology, County Clerk Records Management and Preservation Fund, County Clerk Vital Statistics Fund, County Clerk Archival Fee Fund, SCAAP Grant Fund, Records Management and Preservation Fund, Courthouse Security Fund, Road and Bridge Fund, E.A.S.E. Grant Fund, Courthouse