

JOHNSON COUNTY, TEXAS

Notes to the Financial Statements

For The Year Ended September 30, 2014

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include land, buildings and improvements, furniture, equipment and vehicles, infrastructure, and construction in progress are reported in the governmental activities column in the government-wide financial statements. All capital assets are valued at historical cost or estimated historical cost if actual historical is not available. Donated assets are valued at their fair market value on the date donated. Repairs and maintenance are recorded as expenses. Renewals and betterments are capitalized.

Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed. Interest incurred during the construction phase of capital assets of business-type activities is included as part of the capitalized value of the assets constructed. The amount of interest cost to be capitalized on assets with tax-exempt borrowing is equal to the cost of the borrowing less interest earned on the related tax-exempt borrowing. During the year ended September 30, 2014, no capitalized interest was included in the cost of capital assets under construction.

Assets capitalized have an original cost of \$ 5,000 or more and over two years of useful life. Depreciation has been calculated on each class of depreciable property using the straight-line method. Leased assets are depreciated over the lesser of the term of the related lease or the estimated useful lives of the assets. Estimated useful lives are as follows:

Buildings and improvements	5-50 Years
Furniture, equipment and vehicles	5-20 Years
Infrastructure	20-35 Years

Compensated Absences

Employees are allowed paid absences due to sickness and vacation time. Sick leave benefits are earned by all full time employees at a rate of 96 hours annually. The leave policy allows employees to accumulate up to ninety days of sick leave benefit. Sick leave benefits are recognized in the period in which time off is actually taken. Vacation benefits accrue monthly at rates depending upon an employee's length of service. Employees may accumulate a maximum of 18 months of vacation credits based on the earning rate and length of service. Employees who reach the maximum accumulated rate will not accrue additional time until they use sufficient vacation to bring their accumulated rate below the maximum level.

The liability for compensated absences disclosed in the financial statements represents accumulated vacation and compensatory time at September 30, 2014, computed at pay rates in effect at that time was \$ 910,979.

Compensated absence liabilities for governmental activities have been paid from the general fund and the road and bridge fund.