

SUMNER COUNTY EMERGENCY
COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AND SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2010

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors
Sumner County Emergency Communications District
Gallatin, Tennessee

I have audited the accompanying statement of net assets of the Sumner County Emergency Communications District, a component unit of Sumner County, Tennessee as of June 30, 2010, and the related statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net assets, and statement of cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the District's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. I believe that my audit provides a reasonable basis for my opinion.

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Sumner County Emergency Communications District as of June 30, 2010, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, I have also issued my report dated January 14, 2011, on my consideration of the Sumner County Emergency Communications District's internal control over financial reporting and my 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 my testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of my audit.

My audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Sumner County Emergency Communications District's financial statements as a whole. The accompanying information listed as supplementary information in the table of contents is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. The accompanying supplementary 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 my opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

The Sumner County Emergency Communications District has omitted the Management's Discussion and Analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Government 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. My opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

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D. Gregory Johnson, CPA
Columbia, Tennessee
January 14, 2011

**SUMNER COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT
ROSTER OF MANAGEMENT AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2010**

Management Officials

Richard W. Shaffer, Jr., Director

Tonya Jetton, Assistant

Board of Directors

David Satterfield, Board Chairman, Commissioner

Jimmy Anderson, Vice Chairman, Citizen

Bill Kemp, Secretary/Treasurer, County Clerk

Anthony Holt, County Executive

Paul Goode, Commissioner

Paul Freels, Commissioner

Archie McKinnis, Citizen

Billy Still, Citizen

Jerry Stone, Commissioner

SUMNER COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
JUNE 30, 2010

ASSETS

Current assets

Cash and equivalents	\$ 965,948
Certificates of deposit	1,014,693
Accounts receivable	79,417
Accrued interest receivable	3,445
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Total current assets	2,063,503

Capital assets

Furniture and fixtures	1,300
Office equipment	3,663
Communications equipment	1,940,549
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	1,945,512
Less accumulated depreciation	(1,664,730)
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Total capital assets	280,782
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Total assets	\$ 2,344,285

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Current liabilities

Accounts payable	\$ 2,811
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Net assets

Invested in capital assets	280,782
Unrestricted net assets	2,060,692
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Total net assets	2,341,474
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Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 2,344,285

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**SUMNER COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2010**

Operating revenue	
Emergency telephone service charges	\$ 378,084
State emergency communications board - shared wireless	385,742
State emergency communications board - operational funding	290,009
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Total revenue	1,053,835
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Operating expenses	
Salaries and wages	840
Employee benefits	64
Contracted services	798,261
Supplies and materials	2,966
Other charges	32,618
Depreciation	63,038
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Total operating expenses	897,787
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Net operating income	156,048
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Nonoperating revenue (expense)	
Interest income	28,581
Grants and reimbursements	74,000
Loss on disposal of equipment	(17,969)
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Net nonoperating income	84,612
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Increase in net assets	240,660
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Net assets, beginning of year	2,100,814
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Net assets, end of year	<u><u>\$ 2,341,474</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**SUMNER COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2010**

Cash flows from operating activities	
Receipts from surcharges	\$ 1,120,287
Payments to employees	(904)
Payments to suppliers	(849,174)
	<u>270,209</u>
Cash flows from noncapital financing activities	
Proceeds from grants and reimbursements	<u>78,199</u>
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities	
Cash purchases of capital assets	<u>(184,385)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities	
Interest income	29,013
Cash proceeds from certificates of deposit	8,076
Cash purchases of certificates of deposit	(211,713)
	<u>(174,624)</u>
Net decrease in cash	(10,601)
Cash and equivalents, beginning of year	<u>976,549</u>
Cash and equivalents, end of year	<u><u>\$ 965,948</u></u>
Reconciliation of operating income to net cash flows from operating activities	
Net operating income	\$ 156,048
Adjustments to reconcile net operating income to net cash provided by operating activities	
Depreciation	63,038
Decrease in accounts receivable	66,451
Decrease in accounts payable	(15,328)
	<u>270,209</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u><u>\$ 270,209</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**SUMNER COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2010**

NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Nature of Activities

Sumner County Emergency Communications District (the District) is a political sub-division created in November 1986. The District was organized to provide emergency communication to all fire and law enforcement departments of Sumner County. Although the District is considered a municipality under its enabling legislation, it cannot levy or collect taxes and the charges for services shall not be considered or classified as taxes. The District is managed by a nine-member board of directors who are appointed by the Sumner County Board of County Commissioners. Sumner County maintains controlling interest on the District board in that six of the nine board members must consist of the County Executive, the County Clerk, and four members of the Sumner County Board of County Commissioners.

The District is a discretely presented component unit of Sumner County, Tennessee, and the financial statements are presented in both the District's separate financial report and within the Sumner County, Tennessee financial report. The District is considered a discretely presented component unit of Sumner County as defined under the criteria set forth in Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement 14, because the district would be unable to issue debt without going through Sumner County, Tennessee. The District is self-supported by a telephone subscriber fee charged to the citizens of Sumner County. The District's financial statements include only the assets and operations of the District, and do not include any other fund, organization, agency or department of Sumner County.

Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation

The term basis of accounting is used to determine when a transaction or event is recognized on the District's operating statement. The District uses the full accrual basis of accounting. Under this basis, revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when incurred, even though actual payment or receipt may not occur until after the period ends.

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) exercises jurisdiction over accounting and financial reporting for governments. The Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) exercises jurisdiction over private enterprises and nonprofits. The Office of the Comptroller of the Treasury requires Tennessee emergency communications districts to follow option one of GASB Statement No. 20. This option requires the District to follow only GASB guidance after November 30, 1989, and not follow any FASB guidance after that date.

The District adopted the provisions of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements - and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments*. Statement 34 established standards for external reporting for all state and local governmental entities, which includes a statement of net assets, a statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net assets, and a statement of cash flows. It requires the classification of net assets into three components – invested in capital assets, net of related debt; restricted; and unrestricted.

**SUMNER COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2010**

**NOTE A – NATURE OF ACTIVITIES AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING
POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation (continued)

These classifications are defined as follows:

- Invested in capital assets, net of related debt – This component of net assets consists of capital assets, including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any mortgages, notes or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.
- Restricted – This component of net assets consists of constraints placed on net asset use through external constraints imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments or constraints imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- Unrestricted net assets – This component of net assets consists of net assets that do not meet the definition of “restricted” or “invested in capital assets, net of related debt.”

Use of Estimates

Preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

For purposes of the statement of net assets and the statement of cash flows, Sumner County Emergency Communications District considers all highly liquid investments available for current use with an initial maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

Capital Assets

Capital assets are defined by the District as assets with an initial cost of more than \$1,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of one year. Additions to capital assets are recorded at acquisition cost or estimated market value at the date of donation in the case of donated property. Depreciation and amortization are provided for in amounts sufficient to relate the cost of the assets to operations over their estimated service lives using the half-year convention, straight-line method of depreciation.

**SUMNER COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2010**

**NOTE A – NATURE OF ACTIVITIES AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING
POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

Capital Assets (continued)

Estimated useful lives, in years, for depreciable assets are as follows:

Building and improvements	10 - 40 years
Furniture and fixtures	7 years
Office equipment	5 - 10 years
Communications equipment	5 - 10 years
Vehicles	5 years

Income Taxes

Sumner County Emergency Communications District is a tax-exempt organization under Section 115 of the Internal Revenue Code and, accordingly, no provision for federal income taxes has been made.

Operating Revenues and Expenses

The District distinguishes 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 District's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenues of the District are emergency telephone service charges to residents for providing emergency 911 services. Operating expenses include payroll expenses, administrative expenses, and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses.

Budgetary Data

The District is required by state statute to adopt an annual budget. Prior to the beginning of the fiscal year, the Board of Directors prepares an operating budget and submits to the Sumner County Commission for approval. The annual budget is prepared on the basis in which current available funds must be sufficient to meet current expenditures. Expenses must be presented at the legal level of control, which is defined to be at the line-item level. The District utilizes cash basis accounting for the budget as depreciation is not budgeted, and outlays for capital items are budgeted as expenses. Therefore the budget is not intended to be presented in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The budget may be amended by the Board as conditions warrant throughout the year.

NOTE B – CASH AND DEPOSITORY COLLATERAL

The District's current policies limit deposit of funds to accounts with commercial banks which are required to pledge securities as collateral for the deposits should they be in excess of Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) coverage of \$250,000.

**SUMNER COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2010**

NOTE B – CASH AND DEPOSITORY COLLATERAL (CONTINUED)

The financial institutions used by the District have either pledged securities as collateral or the institutions are participants in the Tennessee Collateral Pool, which was established to provide security for public funds deposits in excess of FDIC coverage. At year-end, the District had deposits totaling \$312,107 that were collateralized with pledged securities held by the financial institution. The remaining deposits of \$1,668,534 were fully insured by the FDIC and the Tennessee Collateral Pool.

The District's investment policy follows state law which authorizes investments for emergency communications districts in Tennessee Code Annotated Section 5-8-301. State statutes authorize the District to invest in obligations of the federal government, federal agencies, state government, the state investment pool, certificates of deposit, other time deposits, and repurchase agreements, which require the approval of the State Director of Local Finance.

NOTE C – ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

The following schedule reflects the components of accounts receivable as of June 30, 2010:

Emergency telephone service charges	\$ 23,395
State emergency communications board - shared wireless	56,022
	\$ 79,417

NOTE D – CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2010, is presented below:

	Balance <u>July 1, 2009</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	Balance <u>June 30, 2010</u>
Furniture and fixtures	\$ 1,300	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,300
Office equipment	3,663	-	-	3,663
Communications equipment	<u>1,833,835</u>	<u>184,385</u>	<u>(77,671)</u>	<u>1,940,549</u>
Total cost	<u>1,838,798</u>	<u>184,385</u>	<u>(77,671)</u>	<u>1,945,512</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Furniture and fixtures	(1,017)	(163)	-	(1,180)
Office equipment	(3,663)	-	-	(3,663)
Communications equipment	<u>(1,656,714)</u>	<u>(62,875)</u>	<u>59,702</u>	<u>(1,659,887)</u>
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(1,661,394)</u>	<u>(63,038)</u>	<u>59,702</u>	<u>(1,664,730)</u>
Capital assets, net	<u>\$ 177,404</u>	<u>\$ 121,347</u>	<u>\$ (17,969)</u>	<u>\$ 280,782</u>

**SUMNER COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2010**

NOTE D – CAPITAL ASSETS (CONTINUED)

Depreciation charged to expense for the current year amounted to \$63,038. In the current year, assets that were no longer used and held by the District were adjusted from the fixed asset records resulting in a loss of \$17,969 for amounts not fully depreciated.

NOTE E – MAJOR REVENUE SOURCE

Revenue for operation and maintenance of the Sumner County Emergency Communications District is generated by a surcharge placed on residential and business phone lines. The surcharge is collected by AT&T Telephone Company and remitted to the District monthly less a 1% administrative fee. In the current year, revenue from AT&T Telephone Company represented approximately 29% of total operating revenue. In fiscal year 2000, the District began collecting revenue generated by wireless phone users. The Tennessee Emergency Communications Board collects the revenue and distributes 25% of the funds to the Emergency Communications Districts based on the proportion of the population of each district to that of the state, according to the latest census. The Tennessee Emergency Communications Board also distributes additional amounts as part of the operational funding program to assist districts with the basic costs of 911 service.

NOTE F – RISK MANAGEMENT

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. For the year ended June 30, 2010, the District was insured against potential losses associated with these risks through the purchase of commercial insurance policies written for Sumner County or the other governmental departments serviced by the District. There have been no losses in excess of insurance coverage during the last three years.

NOTE G – SERVICE ARRANGEMENT CONTRACT

The District has negotiated a service application with AT&T Telecommunications for the installation and service of an Enhanced 911 Emergency Service System. AT&T furnishes equipment and service sufficient to operate the system for an initial installation fee and a monthly fee based upon the number of telephone stations and access lines served by the System. Current year cost to the District for use of this equipment was \$636,910.

**SUMNER COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2010**

NOTE H – OPERATIONAL CONTRACT

The District has contracted with S & S Communications, Inc., for all day-to-day supervision and clerical operations of the District. This contract is negotiated annually on July 1 and is reflected in these financial statements as a Director and Assistant contract of \$93,948. In July 2009, the contract was amended and the administrative employee of the District became an employee of S & S Communications, Inc. Therefore, the District no longer has employees. All calls processed by the District communication system are processed by dispatchers located at various, police, fire, or medical emergency stations. All dispatchers are employees of the respective emergency departments.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

**SUMNER COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF OPERATING EXPENSES
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2010**

Salaries and Wages

Administrative personnel	\$ 840
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Employee Benefits

Social security	52
Medicare	12
	64

Contracted Services

Accounting services	3,564
Address & mapping	6,603
Advertising	53
Audit	4,800
Communications equipment maintenance	450
Director & assistant contract	93,948
Fees paid to service providers	1,164
Leased communications equipment	636,910
Leased facilities	4,800
Other consultants - consolidation study	45,969
	798,261

Supplies and Materials

Office supplies	336
Postage	88
Small equipment purchases	1,097
Uniforms	408
Utilities	
General telephone	677
Cell phones and pagers	360
	2,966

Other Charges

Dues and memberships	1,200
Training	17,547
Travel	13,643
Private road signs	228
	32,618

Depreciation

	63,038
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	\$ 897,787
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See auditor's report.

**SUMNER COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2010**

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance With Final Favorable (Unfavorable)
Operating revenue				
Emergency telephone service charges	\$ 441,600	\$ 441,600	\$ 378,084	\$ (63,516)
State emergency communications board - shared wireless	300,000	300,000	385,742	85,742
State emergency communications board - operational funding	243,912	243,912	290,009	46,097
	<u>985,512</u>	<u>985,512</u>	<u>1,053,835</u>	<u>68,323</u>
Operating expenses				
Salaries and wages	11,310	846	840	6
Employee benefits				
Social security	690	54	52	2
Medicare	168	12	12	-
	<u>858</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>2</u>
Contracted services				
Accounting services	3,636	3,564	3,564	-
Address & mapping	24,996	24,996	6,603	18,393
Advertising	156	156	53	103
Audit	4,800	4,800	4,800	-
Communications equipment maintenance	3,600	3,600	450	3,150
Director & assistant contract	83,652	93,036	93,948	(912)
Fees paid to service provider	4,800	4,800	1,164	3,636
Leased communications equipment	710,040	710,040	636,910	73,130
Leased facilities	4,800	4,800	4,800	-
Legal services	408	408	-	408
Other consultants - consolidation study	-	45,969	45,969	-
	<u>840,888</u>	<u>896,169</u>	<u>798,261</u>	<u>97,908</u>
Supplies and materials				
Office supplies	720	720	336	384
Postage	96	96	88	8
Small equipment purchases	4,008	4,008	1,097	2,911
Uniforms	408	408	408	-
Utilities				
General telephone	1,080	1,080	677	403
Cell phones and pagers	360	360	360	-
	<u>6,672</u>	<u>6,672</u>	<u>2,966</u>	<u>3,706</u>

See auditor's report.

**SUMNER COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
BUDGET AND ACTUAL (CONTINUED)
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2010**

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance With Final Favorable (Unfavorable)
Other charges				
Claims and judgments	5,004	5,004	-	5,004
Dues and memberships	1,680	1,680	1,200	480
Public education	120	120	-	120
Service awards	108	108	-	108
Training	9,000	43,980	17,547	26,433
Travel	18,000	24,936	13,643	11,293
Private road signs	492	492	228	264
	34,404	76,320	32,618	43,702
Total operating expenses	894,132	980,073	834,749	145,324
Operating revenues in excess of expenses	91,380	5,439	219,086	213,647
Nonoperating revenue (expenses)				
Interest income	17,760	17,760	28,581	10,821
Grants & reimbursements	16,080	80,076	74,000	(6,076)
Loss on disposal of equipment	-	-	(17,969)	(17,969)
Equipment purchases	(50,000)	(50,000)	(184,385)	(134,385)
Total nonoperating revenue (expenses)	(16,160)	47,836	(99,773)	(147,609)
Increase in budgetary net assets	\$ 75,220	\$ 53,275	\$ 119,313	\$ 66,038
 Budget to Actual Reconciliation				
Increase in budgetary net assets			\$ 119,313	
Equipment purchases not deducted as expenditures			184,385	
Depreciation not budgeted			(63,038)	
Actual increase in net assets			\$ 240,660	

See auditor's report.

**SUMNER COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2010**

	<u>Amount Received</u>
State emergency communications board - grants & reimbursements	<u>\$ 74,000</u>

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**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**

To the Board of Directors
Sumner County Emergency Communications District
Gallatin, Tennessee

I have audited the financial statements of the Sumner County Emergency Communications District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2010, and have issued my report thereon dated January 14, 2011. I conducted my audit in accordance with auditing standards general 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.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing my audit, I considered the Sumner County Emergency Communications District's, internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing my auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing my opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Sumner County Emergency Communications District's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, I do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Sumner County Emergency Communications District's internal control over financial reporting.

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 weaknesses* 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.

My consideration of internal control over financial reporting 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 financial reporting that might be deficiencies, significant deficiencies, or material weaknesses. I did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that I consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Sumner County Emergency Communications District's financial statements are free of material misstatement, I 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 my audit, and accordingly, I do not express such an opinion. The results of my tests disclosed an instance of noncompliance or other matters that is required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and which is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and management's comments as item 2010-1.

Sumner County Emergency Communications District's response to the finding identified in my audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and management's comments. I did not audit the District's response and, accordingly, I express no opinion on it.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the management, board of directors of the Sumner County Emergency Communications District, and the Comptroller of the Treasury of the State of Tennessee and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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D. Gregory Johnson, CPA
Columbia, Tennessee
January 14, 2011

**SUMNER COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND MANAGEMENT'S COMMENTS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2010**

Finding 2010-1 - District Funds Used to Erect Signs on Private Property

The District spent funds for road signs in violation of the *Accounting and Financial Reporting Manual for Tennessee Emergency Communications Districts*, which prohibits the use of District funds for the "cost of purchasing, installation, and maintenance for public or private road signs, posts, or any other markers related to addressing". (This was also a finding at June 30, 2009.)

Recommendation

I recommend the District develop solutions to its addressing and mapping that will comply with all of the requirements of the *Accounting and Financial Reporting Manual for Tennessee Emergency Communications Districts* regarding the use of 911 revenue.

Management's Comments

These signs were erected on private property due to multiple homes sharing a driveway and are not provided by the County. The 911 Board has voted to provide these private road signs to private driveways that are shared by more than four residents to ensure that Emergency Services are able to find these residents in the case of an emergency.