

Financial Statements

COCKE COUNTY EMERGENCY
COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT

Year Ended June 30, 2015

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' AUDIT REPORT

Board of Directors
Cocke County Emergency Communications District
Newport, Tennessee

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Cocke County Emergency Communications District, a component unit of Cocke County, Tennessee, which comprise the statement of net position, as of June 30, 2015 and the related statement of revenue, expenses and change in net position and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally 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 of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditors consider internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to in the first paragraph present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Cocke County Emergency Communications District as of June 30, 2015 and the changes in its financial position and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note H to the financial statements, Cocke County Emergency Communications District has restated its net position as of June 30, 2014 to implement Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions*. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that management's discussion and analysis on pages 4 to 6, the schedule of changes in net pension liability(asset) on page 26 and the schedule of pension contributions on page 27 be presented to supplement the financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the financial statements, and other information we obtained during our audit of the financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise Cocke County Emergency Communications District's financial statements. The statement of revenue, expenses and change in net position – actual and budget as well as the schedule of board of directors are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements.

The statement of revenue, expenses and change in net position – actual and budget 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. Such 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 our opinion, the statement of revenue, expenses and change in net position – actual and budget is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

The schedule of board of directors has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

Other Reporting Required by *Governmental Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 10, 2016 on our consideration of Cocke County Emergency Communications District’s internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our 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* in considering Cocke County Emergency Communications District’s internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mitchell Emert + Hill". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

March 10, 2016

COCKE COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT (E-911)

*145 Mineral Street
Newport, Tennessee 37821*

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

As management of the Cocke County Emergency Communications District (the District), we offer readers of the District's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the District's performance during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015. Please read it in conjunction with the District's financial statements, which follow this section.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This annual report includes this management's discussion and analysis, the independent accountants' audit report and the basic financial statements of the District. The financial statements also include notes that explain in more detail some of the information in the financial statements.

REQUIRED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements of the District report information of the District using accounting methods similar to those used by private companies. These statements offer both short-term and long-term financial information about its activities. The statement of net position includes all of the District's assets and liabilities and provides information about where the District has invested its resources (assets) and the obligations to the District's credit (liabilities).

All of the current year's revenue and expenses are accounted for in the statement of revenue, expenses and change in net position. This statement measures the success of the District's operations over the past year and can be used to determine whether the District has successfully recovered all its costs through surcharges and fees.

The final required financial statement is the statement of cash flows. This statement reports cash receipts, cash payments, and net changes in cash resulting from operations, investing, and financing activities and provides answers to such questions as where did cash come from, what was cash used for, and what was the change in the cash balances during the reporting period.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE DISTRICT

One of the most important questions asked about the District's finances is, "Is the District better off or worse off as a result of this year's activities?" The statement of net position and the statement of revenue, expenses and change in net position report information about the District's activities in a way that will help answer this question. The two statements report the net position of the District and the changes in it. One can think of the District's net position, the difference between assets and liabilities, as one way to measure financial health. Over time, increases or decreases in the District's net position are one indicator of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating. A summary of the District's net position and change in it is presented below:

SUMMARIZED FINANCIAL INFORMATION

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
NET POSITION		
Current assets	\$ 2,058,145	\$ 1,860,508
Capital assets	401,908	397,992
Other asset	79,481	0
Deferred outflow of resources	<u>10,527</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>\$ 2,550,061</u>	<u>\$ 2,258,500</u>
Liabilities	\$ 5,001	\$ 0
Deferred inflow of resources	98,773	0
Net position:		
Investment in capital assets	401,908	397,992
Unrestricted	<u>2,044,379</u>	<u>1,860,507</u>
	<u>2,446,288</u>	<u>2,258,500</u>
	<u>\$ 2,550,061</u>	<u>\$ 2,258,500</u>
CHANGE IN NET POSITION		
Operating revenue	\$ 488,628	\$ 488,179
Operating expenses	<u>433,571</u>	<u>428,704</u>
Income from operations	55,057	59,474
Nonoperating revenue(expense)	154,221	(142,260)
Capital contributions	<u>0</u>	<u>167,224</u>
Change in net position	209,278	84,438
Beginning net position	2,258,500	2,174,061
Prior period adjustment	<u>(21,490)</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>2,237,010</u>	<u>2,174,061</u>
Ending net position	<u>\$ 2,446,288</u>	<u>\$ 2,258,500</u>

ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL POSITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The District completed the year ended June 30, 2015 with net position of \$2,446,288, which is \$209,278 more than the prior year's ending net position of \$2,237,010, an increase of 9% compared to the prior year. Unrestricted net position, the portion of net position that can be used to finance day-to-day operations, increased by \$183,872 or 10% during the year ended June 30, 2015. Current year's change in net position is consistent to last year's change in net position.

The operations of the District (a component unit of Cocke County, Tennessee) are primarily funded as follows:

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Emergency telephone service charges	\$ 59,700	\$ 161,232
TECB - shared wireless charge	33,403	91,345
TECB - operational funding program	128,745	234,727
TECB - base amount distributions	264,582	0
Contributions from other governments	59,023	72,321

BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

The District adopts an annual operating budget, which includes proposed expenses and the means for paying those expenses. As conditions change during the year, the budget may be amended to prevent budget overruns. Actual revenue exceeded budgeted revenue by \$20,010 mainly due to increased funding from the Tennessee Emergency Communications Board (TECB). Actual expenses fell short of budgeted expenses by \$51,008 due to decreased operating expenses.

CAPITAL ASSETS

The District's investment in capital assets as of June 30, 2015 amounted to \$899,163 with accumulated depreciation of \$497,255. Capital assets include the leasehold improvements, communications equipment, vehicles, as well as office furniture and office equipment.

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND FUTURE NEEDS

The main economic factor facing the District is the change in funding from the TECB. Beginning in January 2015, TECB began collecting all amounts due to the emergency communication districts and sending each district a check every two months for one sixth of their predetermined base amount. TECB will also no longer be distributing grants to emergency communications districts. This could result in decreased revenue compared to prior years.

CONTACTING THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens with a general view of the District's finances and to show the District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have any question or need additional information, please contact Nancy Hansel, Director of the Cocke County Emergency Communications District, 145 Mineral Street, Newport, Tennessee 37821

COCKE COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

June 30, 2015

CURRENT ASSETS

Cash		\$ 1,526,658
Certificates of deposit		513,517
Accounts receivable		9,823
Prepaid expenses		<u>8,146</u>

TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS

2,058,145

CAPITAL ASSETS

Communications equipment	\$ 705,747	
Office equipment	65,421	
Vehicles	46,456	
Leasehold improvements	<u>81,540</u>	
	899,163	
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(497,255)</u>	401,908

OTHER ASSET

Net pension asset		79,481
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DEFERRED OUTFLOW OF RESOURCES

Deferred outflow related to pension		<u>10,527</u>
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\$ 2,550,061

CURRENT LIABILITY

Accounts payable		\$ 5,001
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DEFERRED INFLOW OF RESOURCES

Deferred inflow related to pension		98,773
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NET POSITION

Investment in capital assets	\$ 401,908	
Unrestricted	<u>2,044,379</u>	<u>2,446,288</u>

\$ 2,550,061

See the accompanying notes to the financial statements.

COCKE COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT

STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENSES AND CHANGE IN NET POSITION

Year Ended June 30, 2015

OPERATING REVENUE

Emergency telephone service charges	\$	59,700	
TECB - shared wireless charge		33,403	
TECB - operational funding program		128,745	
TECB - base amount distributions		264,582	
Other operating income		<u>2,198</u>	

TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE 488,628

OPERATING EXPENSES

Salaries and wages:			
Director	\$	55,746	
Administrative personnel		38,328	
Dispatchers		52,305	
Overtime		185	
Other salaries and wages		3,946	
Part-time personnel		<u>32,817</u>	183,326

Employee benefits:			
Social security		11,359	
Medicare		2,657	
Life insurance		506	
Medical insurance		29,057	
Unemployment insurance		<u>342</u>	43,921

Contracted services:			
Advertising		521	
Accounting and audit services		6,125	
Contracts with private agencies		288	
Data processing fees		3,270	
Fuel - vehicles		1,649	
Janitorial services		3,624	
Lease/Rental - office equipment		1,104	

COCKE COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT

STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENSES AND CHANGE IN NET POSITION

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Year Ended June 30, 2015

Contracted services(continued):		
Maintenance agreements	32,092	
Pest control	423	
Maintenance and repairs - buildings and facilities	6,924	
Maintenance and repairs - office equipment	300	
Maintenance and repairs - communications equipment	5,479	
Maintenance and repairs - vehicles	<u>1,986</u>	63,784
Supplies and materials:		
Office supplies	5,124	
Data processing supplies	1,717	
Postage	294	
Utilities - electric	5,655	
Utilities - gas	903	
Utilities - general telephone	29,064	
Utilities - cell phones and pagers	3,319	
Other supplies and materials	<u>3,367</u>	49,442
Other charges:		
Dues and memberships	577	
Insurance	12,976	
Attorney fees	1,022	
Public education	112	
Training	1,906	
Travel	1,437	
Internet charges	<u>1,761</u>	19,791

COCKE COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT

STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENSES AND CHANGE IN NET POSITION

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Year Ended June 30, 2015

Depreciation		<u>73,308</u>
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES		<u>433,571</u>
	INCOME FROM OPERATIONS	55,057
NONOPERATING REVENUE		
Contributions from primary government	59,023	
Interest income	4,080	
Insurance proceeds	604	
TECB - reimbursements or grants	<u>90,514</u>	<u>154,221</u>
	CHANGE IN NET POSITION	209,278
NET POSITION AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR, as restated		<u>2,237,010</u>
	NET POSITION AT THE END OF THE YEAR	<u>\$ 2,446,288</u>

See the accompanying notes to the financial statements.

COCKE COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

Year Ended June 30, 2015

CASH PROVIDED(USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
Cash received from telephone charges	\$ 507,997
Cash paid to employees	(183,326)
Cash paid to suppliers	<u>(186,465)</u>
NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	138,206
CASH PROVIDED(USED) BY CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES	
Purchase of capital assets	\$ (77,223)
TECB - reimbursements or grants	<u>90,514</u>
NET CASH PROVIDED BY CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES	13,291
CASH PROVIDED(USED) BY NONCAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES	
Contributions from other governments	59,023
Insurance proceeds	<u>604</u>
NET CASH PROVIDED BY NONCAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES	59,627
CASH PROVIDED(USED) BY INVESTING ACTIVITIES	
Increase in certificates of deposit	(3,763)
Interest received	<u>4,080</u>
NET CASH PROVIDED BY INVESTING ACTIVITIES	<u>317</u>
NET INCREASE IN CASH	211,441
CASH AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR	<u>1,315,217</u>
CASH AT THE END OF THE YEAR	<u>\$ 1,526,658</u>

COCKE COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2015

NOTE A - DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIZATION

Cocke County Emergency Communications District (the District) was created by a countywide referendum on November 8, 1988. The Cocke County Board of Commissioners appointed the District's initial Board of Directors on February 21, 1989 pursuant to Chapter 867 of the Public Acts of 1984. The District is responsible for the installation and maintenance of the emergency communications network of Cocke County, Tennessee (Enhanced 911 Service). The communications system became operational on November 15, 1992.

The District is considered a component unit of Cocke County, Tennessee because the Cocke County Board of Commissioners appoints a majority of the District's Board of Directors and must approve any debt issued by the District.

NOTE B - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting

The District's financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and accrual basis of accounting. Accordingly, all assets and liabilities (whether current or noncurrent) are included on the statement of net position. The statement of revenue, expenses and change in net position presents increases (revenue) and decreases (expenses) in total net position. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenue is recognized in the period in which it is earned while expenses are recognized in the period in which the liability is incurred.

Operating revenue is revenue that is generated from the primary operations of the District. All other revenue is reported as nonoperating revenue. Operating expenses are those expenses that are essential to the primary operations of the District. All other expenses are reported as nonoperating expenses.

GASB Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements-and Management's Discussion and Analysis-for State and Local Governments* establishes standards for external financial reporting for state and local governments and requires that resources be classified for accounting and reporting purposes into the following three net position groups:

COCKE COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT

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June 30, 2015

Investment in capital assets: This category includes capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation. Investment in capital assets at June 30, 2015 has been calculated as follows:

Capital assets	\$ 899,163
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(497,255)</u>
	<u>\$ 401,908</u>

Restricted: This category includes net position whose use is subject to externally imposed stipulations that can be fulfilled by actions of the District pursuant to those stipulations or that expire by the passage of time. The District had no restricted net position as of June 30, 2015.

Unrestricted: This category includes net position that is not subject to externally imposed stipulations and that does not meet the definition of “restricted” or “investment in capital assets”. Unrestricted net position may be designated for specific purposes by action of management or the Board of Directors or may otherwise be limited by contractual agreements with outside parties.

Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable that are deemed uncollectible based upon a periodic review of the accounts are charged to revenue. At June 30, 2015 no allowance for uncollectible accounts was considered necessary.

Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property and equipment, are recorded at cost. Capital assets are defined by the District as assets with an initial, individual cost of \$500 or more. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives, which range from five to thirty years.

COCKE COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT

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June 30, 2015

Compensated Absences

The District's full-time employees are granted vacation leave in varying amounts and may accumulate a maximum of 25 days. In the event of termination, the employee is paid for any unused vacation leave. There was no unpaid leave accrued at June 30, 2015.

Operating Budget

The District is required by state law to adopt an annual operating budget. The Board of Directors approves the original budget and any amendments, and maintains the legal level of control at the line item level. The budget is prepared on the accrual basis of accounting. All appropriations lapse at the end of the year.

Use of Restricted/Unrestricted Net Position

When an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position are available, the District's policy is to apply restricted net position first.

Pensions

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the District's participation in the Public Employee Retirement Plan of the Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System (TCRS), and additions to/deductions from the District's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the TCRS for the Public Employee Retirement Plan. For this purpose, benefits (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms of the Public Employee Retirement Plan of TCRS. Investments are reported at fair value.

NOTE C - CASH

Cash and the certificate of deposit represent money on deposit in various banks. The District considers all highly liquid investments with an original maturity date of three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents.

COCKE COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT

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June 30, 2015

State of Tennessee law authorizes the District to invest in obligations of the United States of America or its agencies, non-convertible debt securities of certain federal agencies, other obligations guaranteed as to principal and interest by the United States of America or any of its agencies, secured certificates of deposit and other evidences of deposit in state and federal banks and savings and loan associations, and the Tennessee Department of Treasury Local Government Investment Pool (the LGIP). The LGIP contains investments in certificates of deposit, U.S. Treasury securities and repurchase agreements, backed by the U.S. Treasury securities. The Treasurer of the State of Tennessee administers the investment pool.

All deposits with financial institutions in excess of Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) limits are required to be secured by one of two methods. Excess funds can be deposited with a financial institution that participates in the State of Tennessee Bank Collateral Pool. For deposits with financial institutions that do not participate in the State of Tennessee Bank Collateral Pool, state statutes require that all deposits be collateralized with collateral whose market value is equal to 105 percent of the uninsured amount of the deposits.

All of the District's cash and cash equivalent balances at June 30, 2015 were either insured through the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the State of Tennessee Bank Collateral Pool or collateralized with securities held by the District's agent in the District's name.

COCKE COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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June 30, 2015

NOTE D - CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets activity for the year ended June 30, 2015 was as follows:

	<u>Balance</u> <u>7/1/14</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Retirements</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>6/30/15</u>
<u>Capital assets being depreciated</u>				
Communications equipment	\$ 638,543	\$ 70,305	\$ 0	\$ 708,848
Office equipment	55,401	6,918	0	62,319
Vehicles	46,456	0	0	46,456
Leasehold improvements	<u>81,540</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>81,540</u>
	821,939	77,223	0	899,163
<u>Accumulated depreciation</u>				
Communications equipment	(294,434)	(62,095)	0	(356,529)
Office equipment	(44,278)	(4,158)	0	(48,435)
Vehicles	(44,007)	(2,449)	0	(46,456)
Leasehold improvements	<u>(41,229)</u>	<u>(4,606)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(45,835)</u>
	<u>(423,947)</u>	<u>(73,308)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(497,255)</u>
	<u>\$ 397,992</u>	<u>\$ 3,915</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 401,908</u>

COCKE COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT

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June 30, 2015

NOTE E - PENSION PLAN

Plan Description

Employees of the District are provided a defined benefit pension plan through the Public Employee Retirement Plan, an agent multiple-employer pension plan administered by the TCRS. The TCRS was created by state statute under Tennessee Code Annotated Title 8, Chapters 34-37. The TCRS Board of Trustees is responsible for the proper operation and administration of the TCRS. The Tennessee Treasury Department, an agency in the legislative branch of state government, administers the plans of the TCRS. The TCRS issues a publically available financial report that can be obtained at www.treasury.tn.gov/tcrs.

Benefits Provided

Tennessee Code Annotated Title 8, Chapters 34-37 establishes the benefit terms and can be amended only by the Tennessee General Assembly. The chief legislative body may adopt the benefit terms permitted by statute. Members are eligible to retire with an unreduced benefit at age 60 with 5 years of service credit or after 30 years of service credit regardless of age. Benefits are determined by a formula using the member's highest five consecutive year average compensation and the member's years of service credit. Reduced benefits for early retirement are available at age 55 and vested. Members vest with five years of service credit. Service related disability benefits are provided regardless of length of service. Five years of service is required for non-service related disability eligibility. The service related and non-service related disability benefits are determined in the same manner as a service retirement benefit but are reduced 10% and include projected service credits. A variety of death benefits are available under various eligibility criteria.

Member and beneficiary annuitants are entitled to automatic cost of living adjustments (COLAs) after retirement. A COLA is granted each July for annuitants retired to the 2nd of July of the previous year. The COLA is based on the change in the consumer price index (CPI) during the prior calendar year, capped at 3%, and applied to the current benefit. No COLA is granted if the change in the CPI is less than .5%. A 1% COLA is granted if the CPI change is between .5% and 1%. A member who leaves employment may withdraw their employee contributions, plus any accumulated interest.

COCKE COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT

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June 30, 2015

Employees Covered by Benefit Terms

At the measurement date of June 30, 2015, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

Inactive employees or beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	0
Inactive employees entitled to but not yet receiving benefits	1
Active employee	<u>3</u>
	<u>4</u>

Contributions

Contributions for employees are established in the statutes governing the TCRS and may only be changed by the Tennessee General Assembly. Employees contribute 5% of salary. The District makes employer contributions at the rate set by the Board of Trustees as determined by an actuarial valuation. For the year ended June 30, 2015, employer contributions for the District were \$10,527 based on a rate of 9.36%. By law, employer contributions are required to be paid. The TCRS may intercept the District's state shared taxes if required contributions are not remitted. The employer's actuarially determined contribution (ADC) and member contributions are expected to finance the costs of benefits earned by members during the year, the cost of administration, as well as an amortized portion of any unfunded liability.

Net Pension Liability (Asset)

The District's net pension liability (asset) was measured as of June 30, 2015, and the total pension liability used to calculate net pension liability (asset) was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date.

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June 30, 2015

Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability as of the June 30, 2015 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	3.0%
Salary increases	Graded salary ranges from 8.97% to 3.71% based on age, including inflation, averaging 4.25%
Investment rate of return	7.5%, net of pension plan investment expenses, including

Mortality rates were based on actual experience from the June 30, 2012 actuarial experience study adjusted for some of the expected future improvement in life expectancy.

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2015 actuarial valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study performed for the period July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2012. The demographic assumptions were adjusted to more closely reflect actual and expected future experience.

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June 30, 2015

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was established by the TCRS Board of Trustees in conjunction with the June 30, 2012 actuarial experience study by considering the following three techniques: (1) the 25-year historical return of the TCRS at June 30, 2012, (2) the historical market returns of assets classes from 1926 to 2012 using the TCRS investment policy asset allocation, and (3) capital market projections that were utilized as a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. Four sources of capital market projections were blended and utilized in the third technique. The blended capital market projection established the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rate of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding inflation of 3%. The target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return	Target Allocation
U.S. equity	6.46%	33%
Developed market international equity	6.26%	17%
Emerging market international equity	6.40%	5%
Private equity and strategic lending	4.61%	8%
U.S. fixed income	0.98%	29%
Real estate	4.73%	7%
Short-term securities	0.00%	1%
		<u>100%</u>

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was established by the TCRS Board of Trustees as 7.5% based on a blending of the three factors described above.

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.5%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that employee contributions will be made at the current rate and that contributions from the District will be made at the actuarially determined contribution rate pursuant to an actuarial valuation in accordance with the funding policy of the TCRS Board of Trustees and as required to be paid by state statute. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make projected future benefit payments of current active and inactive members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

COCKE COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT

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June 30, 2015

Changes in the Net Pension Liability (Asset)

	Total Pension Liability (a)	Plan Fiduciary Net Position (b)	Net Pension Liability(Asset) (a) - (b)
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Changes for the year ended June 30, 2014:			
Increase(decrease)			
Service cost	\$ 9,987	\$ 0	\$ 9,987
Interest	11,959	0	11,959
Differences between expected and actual experience	(97,134)	0	(97,134)
Contributions - employer	0	9,795	(9,795)
Contributions - employees	0	5,084	(5,084)
Net investment income	0	20,806	(20,806)
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	(23,384)	(23,384)	0
Administrative expense	<u>0</u>	<u>(107)</u>	<u>107</u>
Net changes for the year ended June 30, 2014	(98,572)	12,194	(110,766)
Balances at June 30, 2013	<u>161,156</u>	<u>129,871</u>	<u>31,285</u>
Balances at June 30, 2014	<u>\$ 62,584</u>	<u>\$ 142,065</u>	<u>\$ (79,481)</u>

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June 30, 2015

Sensitivity of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the net pension liability (asset) of the District calculated using the discount rate of 7.5%, as well as what the net pension liability (asset) would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (6.5%) or 1-percentage-point higher (8.5%) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease 6.5%	Current Discount Rate 7.5%	1% Increase 8.5%
Net pension liability(asset)	\$ (67,069)	\$ (79,481)	\$ (89,377)

Pension Income

For the year ended June 30, 2015, the District recognized pension income in the amount of \$2,198.

Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources

For the year ended June 30, 2015, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 0	\$ 89,662
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	0	9,111
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date of June 30, 2014	<u>10,527</u>	<u>not applicable</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 10,527</u>	<u>\$ 98,773</u>

The amount shown above for “Contributions subsequent to the measurement date of June 30, 2014,” will be recognized as a reduction (expense) to net pension liability (asset) in the following measurement period.

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June 30, 2015

Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

<u>Year Ending June 30:</u>	
2016	\$ (9,750)
2017	(9,750)
2018	(9,750)
2019	(9,750)
2020	(7,472)
Thereafter	(52,304)

In the table shown above, positive amounts will increase pension expense while negative amounts will decrease pension expense.

Payable to the Pension Plan

At June 30, 2015 the District reported a payable of \$1,683 for the outstanding amount of contributions to the pension plan required at the year ended June 30, 2015.

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. The District carries commercial insurance for all risks of loss, including general liability and workers' compensation coverage. Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

NOTE G - LEASE OBLIGATIONS

The District leases its facilities from the City of Newport, Tennessee under an operating lease expiring in January 2035. The terms of the lease provide for lease payments of \$1.00 per year.

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June 30, 2015

NOTE H – RESTATEMENT

During the year ended June 30, 2015, the District implemented GASB Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions*. GASB Statement No. 68 requires governments providing defined benefit pensions to recognize their long-term obligation for pension benefits as an asset or liability and to more comprehensively and comparably measure the annual costs of pension benefits. Net position as of June 30, 2014 has been restated for the implementation of GASB Statement No. 68. As a result, the effect on the year ended June 30, 2014 was as follows:

Balance at June 30, 2014, as originally reported	\$ 2,258,500
Net pension liability, measurement date as of June 30, 2014	(31,285)
Deferred outflows for contributions made during the year ended June 30, 2014	<u>9,795</u>
Balance at June 30, 2014, restated	<u>\$ 2,237,010</u>

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

COCKE COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT

CHANGES IN NET PENSION LIABILITY(ASSET)

June 30, 2015

	Measurement Date at <u>June 30, 2014</u>
<u>Total pension liability</u>	
Service cost	\$ 9,987
Interest	11,959
Change in benefit terms	0
Differences between actual and expected experience	(97,134)
Change of assumptions	0
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	<u>(23,384)</u>
Net change in total pension liability	(98,572)
Total pension liability-beginning July 1, 2013	<u>161,156</u>
Total pension liability-ending June 30, 2014 (a)	62,584
<u>Plan fiduciary net position</u>	
Contributions-employer	9,795
Contributions-employee	5,084
Net investment income	20,806
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	(23,384)
Administrative expense	<u>(107)</u>
Net change in plan fiduciary net position	12,194
Plan fiduciary net position-beginning July 1, 2013	<u>129,871</u>
Plan fiduciary net position-ending June 30, 2014 (b)	<u>142,065</u>
Net pension liability (asset)-ending (a)-(b)	<u>\$ (79,481)</u>
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of total net pension liability	227.00%
Covered employee payroll	\$ 101,678
Net pension liability(asset) as a percentage of covered employee payroll	78.17%

This is a 10-year schedule; however, the information in this schedule is not required to be presented retroactively. Years will be added to this schedule in future fiscal years until 10 years of information is available.

See the accompanying independent accountants' audit report.

COCKE COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT

PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS

June 30, 2015

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Actuarially determined contribution	\$ 10,527	\$ 9,795
Contributions in relation to the actuarially determined contribution	<u>(10,527)</u>	<u>(9,795)</u>
Contribution deficiency(excess)	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>
Covered employee payroll	\$ 112,470	\$ 101,678
Contributions as a percentage of covered employee payroll	9.36%	9.63%

This is a 10-year schedule; however, the information in this schedule is not required to be presented retroactively. Years will be added to this schedule in the future fiscal years until 10 years of information is available.

Notes to Pension Contributions

Valuation Date: Actuarially determined contribution rates for the year ended June 30, 2015 were calculated based on the July 1, 2013 actuarial valuation.

Methods and assumptions used to determine contribution rates:

Actuarial Cost Method	Frozen initial liability
Amortization Method	Level dollar, closed (not to exceed 20 years)
Remaining Amortization Period	13 years
Asset Valuation	10-year smoothed within a 20% corridor to market value
Inflation	3.0%
Salary Increases	Graded salary ranges from 8.97 to 3.71% based on age, including inflation, averaging 4.25%
Investment Rate of Return	7.50%, net of investment expense, including inflation
Retirement Age	Pattern of retirement determined by experience study
Mortality	Customized table based on actual experience including an adjustment for some anticipated improvement
Cost of Living Adjustments	2.50%

See the accompanying independent accountants' audit report.

OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

COCKE COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT

STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENSES AND CHANGE IN NET POSITION
ACTUAL AND BUDGET

Year Ended June 30, 2015

	Actual	Budget	Variance Over (Under)
OPERATING REVENUE			
Emergency telephone service charges	\$ 59,700	\$ 175,000	\$ (115,300)
TECB - shared wireless charge	33,403	80,000	(46,597)
TECB - base amount distributions	264,582	0	264,582
TECB - operational funding program	128,745	175,000	(46,255)
Other operating income	2,198	0	2,198
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE	488,628	430,000	58,628
OPERATING EXPENSES			
Salaries and wages:			
Director	55,746	55,746	0
Administrative personnel	38,328	42,753	(4,425)
Dispatchers	52,490	57,157	(4,667)
Other salaries and wages	3,946	4,500	(554)
Part-time personnel	32,817	28,387	4,430
	183,326	188,543	(5,214)
Employee benefits:			
Social security	11,359	14,000	(2,641)
Medicare	2,657	3,000	(343)
Medical insurance	29,057	39,300	(10,243)
Retirement	0	15,000	(15,000)
Life insurance	506	600	(94)
Unemployment insurance	342	2,000	(1,658)
	43,921	73,900	(29,979)
Contracted services:			
Advertising	521	1,500	(979)
Audit services	6,125	7,220	(1,095)
Contracts with private agencies	288	1,200	(912)
Data processing fees	3,270	5,600	(2,330)
Janitorial services	3,624	3,900	(276)
Lease/Rental-office equipment	1,104	1,400	(296)

COCKE COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT

STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENSES AND CHANGE IN NET POSITION

ACTUAL AND BUDGET

(continued)

Year Ended June 30, 2015

	Actual	Budget	Variance Over (Under)
Contracted services(continued):			
Maintenance agreements	32,092	39,500	(7,408)
Pest control	423	800	(377)
NCIC/TBI/TIES expenses	0	500	(500)
Maintenance and repairs - communications equipment	5,479	15,000	(9,521)
Maintenance and repairs - buildings and facilities	6,924	11,700	(4,776)
Maintenance and repairs - office equipment	300	500	(200)
Maintenance and repairs - fuel	1,649	2,250	(601)
Maintenance and repairs - vehicles	1,986	2,750	(764)
	63,784	93,820	(30,036)
Supplies and materials:			
Office supplies	5,124	5,500	(376)
Custodial supplies	0	1,000	(1,000)
Data processing supplies	1,717	2,180	(463)
Postage	294	300	(6)
Small equipment purchases	0	16,000	(16,000)
Utilities - electric	5,655	6,500	(845)
Utilities - gas	903	1,250	(347)
Utilities - water	0	100	(100)
Utilities - general telephone	29,064	31,000	(1,936)
Utilities - cell phones and pagers	3,319	6,536	(3,217)
Other supplies and materials	3,367	3,500	(133)
	49,442	73,866	(24,424)
Other charges:			
Board meeting expense	0	200	(200)
Dues and memberships	577	700	(123)
Insurance	12,976	20,250	(7,274)

COCKE COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT

STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENSES AND CHANGE IN NET POSITION

ACTUAL AND BUDGET

(continued)

Year Ended June 30, 2015

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance Over (Under)</u>
Other charges(continued):			
Attorney fees	1,022	4,500	(3,478)
Addressing	0	2,300	(2,300)
Public education	112	6,000	(5,888)
Service awards	0	500	(500)
Training	1,906	8,000	(6,095)
Travel	1,437	10,000	(8,563)
Internet charges	1,761	2,000	(239)
	<u>19,791</u>	<u>54,450</u>	<u>(34,659)</u>
Depreciation	<u>73,308</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>73,308</u>
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	<u>433,571</u>	<u>484,579</u>	<u>(51,008)</u>
INCOME(LOSS) FROM OPERATIONS	55,057	(54,579)	109,635
NONOPERATING REVENUE			
Contributions from other governments	59,023	70,000	(10,977)
Interest income	4,080	4,000	80
Insurance proceeds	604	0	604
TECB - reimbursements or grants	90,514	118,839	(28,325)
	<u>154,221</u>	<u>192,839</u>	<u>(38,618)</u>
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	209,278	138,261	71,018

COCKE COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT

STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENSES AND CHANGE IN NET POSITION

ACTUAL AND BUDGET

(continued)

Year Ended June 30, 2015

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance Over (Under)</u>
NET POSITION AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR, as restated	<u>2,237,010</u>	<u>2,237,010</u>	<u>0</u>
NET POSITION AT THE END OF THE YEAR	<u>\$ 2,446,288</u>	<u>\$ 2,375,270</u>	<u>\$ 71,018</u>

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COCKE COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

June 30, 2015

Maurice Shults
Newell Byrd
Randy Ragan
William Smallwood
Armando Fontes
Connie Ball
Harold Woody
Cindy Holt
Vanessa Dennis

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INTERNAL CONTROL

AND

COMPLIANCE

INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' 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*

Board of Directors
Coke County Emergency Communications District
Newport, Tennessee

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally 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 of America, the financial statements of Coke County Emergency Communications District, which comprise the statement of net position as of June 30, 2015, and the related statement of revenue, expenses and change in net position and statement of cash flows for the year then ended and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated March 10, 2016.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Coke County Emergency Communications District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Coke County Emergency Communications District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Coke County Emergency Communications District's internal control.

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 weakness is a deficiency or combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of Coke County Emergency Communications District's financial statements will not be prevented or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Cocke County Emergency Communications District's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we 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 our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

We noted certain other matters that we have reported to management of Cocke County Emergency Communications District in a separate letter dated March 10, 2016.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of Cocke County Emergency Communications District's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Cocke County Emergency Communications District's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mitchell Emert & Hill". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

March 10, 2016

COCKE COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT

PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

Year Ended June 30, 2015

There were no prior year findings reported.