

**SMITH COUNTY E-911 EMERGENCY
COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT
JUNE 30, 2015**

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EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT
JUNE 30, 2015**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors of the
Smith County E-911 Emergency Communications District
Carthage, Tennessee

Report on the Financial Statements

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of Smith County E-911 Emergency Communications District, a component unit of Smith County, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Smith County E-911 Emergency Communications District's basic financial statements, as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the 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.

Auditor's Responsibility

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 the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *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 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 auditor's 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 auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's 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 the entity's internal control. Accordingly, I 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.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

Opinion

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of Smith County E-911 Emergency Communications District, a component unit of Smith County, as of June 30, 2015, and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management Discussion be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financials statements is required by the Governmental 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 historic context.

Management has omitted the Management's Discussion and Analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. The auditor's opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

Supplementary Information

My audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise Smith County E-911 Emergency Communications District's basic financial statements. The Budget and Actual schedule and the schedule of 911 Board Members on pages 10-12 are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The Budget and Actual schedule and the schedule of 911 Board Members are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In my opinion, the Budget and Actual schedule and the schedule of 911 Board Members are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, I have also issued my report dated December 2, 2015 on my consideration of Smith County E-911 Emergency Communications District's internal control over financial reporting and on 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 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 Smith County E-911 Emergency Communications District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

December 2, 2015
Cookeville, Tennessee

Tamara L. Beckman, CPA

**SMITH COUNTY E-911
EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2015**

ASSETS

Current Assets

| | |
|---------------------------|-----------------|
| Cash and Cash Equivalents | \$ 480,995.02 |
| Certificate of Deposit | 284,080.00 |
| Accounts Receivable | 6,597.00 |
| Prepaid Expenses | <u>4,941.91</u> |

Total Current Assets \$ 776,613.93

Non-Current Assets

| | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Land | 30,000.00 |
| Land Improvements | 13,189.68 |
| A/D-Land Improvements | (6,336.53) |
| Building | 175,745.12 |
| A/D-Building | (38,262.00) |
| Communications Equipment | 619,704.23 |
| Less: A/D-Communications Equipment | (470,540.98) |
| Furniture & Fixtures | 12,292.76 |
| A/D-Furniture & Fixtures | (11,888.01) |
| Office Equipment | 16,018.99 |
| Less: A/D-Office Equipment | (15,014.08) |
| Vehicles | 57,007.00 |
| Less: A/D-Vehicle | <u>(50,898.52)</u> |

Total Non-Current Assets 331,017.66

Total Assets 1,107,631.59

LIABILITIES & NET POSITION

Current Liabilities

| | |
|------------------|-----------------|
| Accounts Payable | <u>1,905.07</u> |
|------------------|-----------------|

Net Position

| | |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
| Investment in Capital Assets | 331,017.66 |
| Unrestricted Net Position | <u>774,708.86</u> |

Total Net Position \$ 1,105,726.52

**SMITH COUNTY E-911
EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN FUND NET POSITION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015**

Operating Revenues

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Emergency Telephone Service Charges | \$ 32,808.80 | |
| State – Shared Wireless Charges | 18,126.17 | |
| State – Operational Funding Program | 71,395.38 | |
| TECB Distribution of 911 Surcharges | <u>151,338.00</u> | |
| Total Operating Revenue | | \$ 273,668.35 |

Operating Expense

Contracted Services

| | | |
|--|-----------------|---------------|
| Addressing/ Mapping/Database Consultants | 8,980.00 | |
| Audit Services | 2,250.00 | |
| Contracts for Language Interpreting | 26.86 | |
| Contracts with Government Agencies | 160,996.00 | |
| Fees Paid to Service Providers | 16,753.33 | |
| Maintenance Agreements | 24,951.31 | |
| Pest Control | 175.00 | |
| L/R - Communications Equipment | <u>1,800.00</u> | |
| Total Contracted Services | | \$ 215,932.50 |

Supplies, Materials & Maintenance

| | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|
| Office Supplies | 1,050.48 | |
| Addressing & Mapping Supplies | 33,035.00 | |
| Postage | 19.47 | |
| Equipment Purchases Not Capitalized | 811.50 | |
| Utilities-Electric | 255.00 | |
| Utilities-Gas | 251.91 | |
| Utilities-General Telephone-Admin. Lines | 2,796.92 | |
| Utilities-Cell Phones & Pagers | 1,331.48 | |
| Cable/Internet Charges | 1,718.08 | |
| M&R-Communications Equipment | 6,413.07 | |
| M&R-Building & Facilities | 4,805.24 | |
| Other Supplies & Materials | <u>125.68</u> | |
| Total Supplies & Materials | | 52,613.83 |

Other Charges

| | |
|---------------------|----------|
| Bank Charges | 21.41 |
| Dues & Memberships | 693.31 |
| Insurance-Liability | 6,853.00 |

SMITH COUNTY E-911
EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN FUND NET POSITION, CONT'D
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

| | | |
|--|-----------------|------------------------|
| Legal Notices | 33.00 | |
| Licenses | 11,483.98 | |
| Premiums on Surety Bonds | 900.00 | |
| Training Expenses | 1,714.11 | |
| Travel Expenses | <u>276.00</u> | |
| Total Other Charges | | 21,974.81 |
| | | |
| Depreciation | | <u>68,016.43</u> |
| | | |
| Total Operating Expense | | <u>358,537.57</u> |
| | | |
| Net Operating Income (Loss) | | (84,869.22) |
| | | |
| <u>Non-Operating Revenue & Expense</u> | | |
| Interest Income | 1,406.63 | |
| TECB Reimbursements and/or Grants | 342,877.09 | |
| UCEMC Contract | <u>6,597.00</u> | |
| Total Non-Operating Revenue & Expense | | <u>350,880.72</u> |
| | | |
| Increase in Net Position | | 266,011.50 |
| Total Net Position, July 1, 2014 | | <u>839,715.02</u> |
| Total Net Position, June 30, 2015 | | <u>\$ 1,105,726.52</u> |

The Accompanying notes are in integral part of the financial statements

**SMITH COUNTY E-911
EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015**

| | | |
|---|---------------------|----------------------|
| <u>Cash Flows From Operating Activities</u> | | |
| Cash Received from Operations | \$ 288,520.81 | |
| Cash Payments for Goods and Services | <u>(292,486.14)</u> | |
| Net Cash Used by Operating Activities | | \$ (3,965.33) |
| <u>Cash Flows from Non-Capital Financing Activities</u> | | |
| UCEMC Contract | 6,597.00 | |
| State-Grants & Reimbursements | <u>342,877.09</u> | |
| Net Cash Provided by Non-Capital Financing Activities | | \$ 349,474.09 |
| <u>Cash Flows from Capital & Related Financing Activities</u> | | |
| Acquisitions of New Assets | <u>(49,721.38)</u> | |
| Net Cash Used by Capital & Related Financing Activities | | (49,721.38) |
| <u>Cash Flows from Investing Activities</u> | | |
| Interest Received on CDs & Money Market | 1,406.63 | |
| Transferred to CD | <u>(254,080.00)</u> | |
| Net Cash Used by Investing Activities | | <u>(252,673.37)</u> |
| Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents | | 43,114.01 |
| Cash and Cash Equivalent at June 30, 2014 | | <u>437,881.01</u> |
| Cash and Cash Equivalent at June 30, 2015 | | <u>\$ 480,995.02</u> |
| <u>Reconciliation of Operating Income (Loss) to Net Cash</u> | | |
| <u>Used by Operating Activities</u> | | |
| Net Operating Income (Loss) | \$ (84,869.22) | |
| Depreciation | 68,016.43 | |
| Decrease in Accounts Receivable | 6,684.15 | |
| Decrease in Due from State ECB | 8,168.31 | |
| Increase in Prepaid Expense | (3,670.31) | |
| Increase in Accounts Payable | <u>1,705.31</u> | |
| <u>Net Cash Used by Operating Activities</u> | | <u>\$ (3,965.33)</u> |

The Accompanying notes are in integral part of the financial statements

**SMITH COUNTY E-911
EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2015**

Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The Smith County E-911 Emergency Communication District was established for the purpose of providing an enhanced level of 911 service to the Smith County citizens by acquiring certain types of equipment that enable emergency service providers to respond more rapidly and more effectively due to increased speed in the transmittal of critical information and improved reliability of address and information. It is a component unit of Smith County. The Smith County E-911 Emergency Communications District is run by a board of directors, which is appointed by Smith County. The District must file a budget with Smith County each year. Any bond issued by the district is subject to approval by Smith County.

The District uses the accrual basis of accounting and economic resources measurement focus. Revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when incurred.

Depreciation – Depreciation is computed at rates designed to amortize the cost of the individual assets over their useful lives. Depreciation begins when the capital assets are placed in service. Depreciation is summarized as follows:

| | <u>Method</u> | <u>Estimated Useful Life</u> | <u>2015 Depreciation</u> |
|--------------------------|---------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Land Improvements | S/L | 10-15 Years | \$ 1,318.97 |
| Building & Improvements | S/L | 10-40 Years | 8,548.42 |
| Communications Equipment | S/L | 5-12 Years | 51,536.13 |
| Furniture & Fixtures | S/L | 5-10 Years | 651.74 |
| Office Equipment | S/L | 5-15 Years | 322.57 |
| Vehicle | S/L | 5-10 Years | <u>5,638.60</u> |
| | | | <u>\$68,016.43</u> |

Major Source of Revenue

The major source of operating revenue is emergency telephone and wireless surcharges. Non-operating revenue consists of interest income, a contract with UCEMC to answer after hour phone calls, and insurance reimbursements.

Note 2 – Cash and cash investments

The following is a schedule of bank accounts at June 30, 2015:

| | |
|--|---------------------|
| Checking – Citizens Bank | \$337,718.61 |
| Money Market – Citizens Bank | 143,276.41 |
| Certificate of Deposit – Citizens Bank | 30,000.00 |
| Certificate of Deposit – Citizens Bank | <u>254,080.00</u> |
| Total | <u>\$765,075.02</u> |

At June 30, 2015, the carrying amount of the Smith County E-911 Emergency Communications District's cash deposits was \$765,075.02. The District's deposit accounts are covered up to \$250,000 by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. Any amounts over \$250,000 are covered under the State of Tennessee Government Collateralization Pool of which Citizens Bank is a member. The District is authorized to deposit and invest funds according to the provisions of Section 5-8-301 of the Tennessee Code Annotated. [Acts 1992, ch. 891, section 10].

Note 3 – Bonding

Smith County E-911 Emergency Communications District has a bond covering certain members of the board at June 30, 2015. The District also has a general liability policy which covers building and contents. There have been no losses or settlements that have exceeded coverage during the past three years.

Note 4 – Capital Assets

The following is a schedule of equipment at June 30, 2015:

| <u>Assets</u> | <u>Balance June 30, 2014</u> | <u>Additions</u> | <u>Retirements</u> | <u>Balance June 30, 2015</u> |
|--------------------------|---|--|--|---|
| <u>Non-Depreciable</u> | | | | |
| Land | \$ 30,000.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 30,000.00 |
| <u>Depreciable</u> | | | | |
| Land Improvements | 13,189.68 | - | - | 13,189.68 |
| Building & Improvements | 175,745.12 | - | - | 175,745.12 |
| Communications Equipment | 574,881.85 | 48,822.38 | (4,000.00) | 619,704.23 |
| Furniture & Fixtures | 12,292.76 | - | - | 12,292.76 |
| Office Equipment | 40,583.56 | 899.00 | (25,463.57) | 16,018.99 |
| Vehicles | 57,007.00 | - | - | 57,007.00 |
| Total Depreciable | <u>873,699.97</u> | <u>49,721.38</u> | <u>(29,463.57)</u> | <u>893,957.78</u> |
| Total | <u>\$ 903,699.97</u> | <u>\$ 49,721.38</u> | <u>\$ (29,463.57)</u> | <u>\$ 923,957.78</u> |
| | <u>Accumulated Depreciation June 30, 2014</u> | <u>Current Year Depreciation</u> | <u>Adjustments to Accumulated Depreciation</u> | <u>Accumulated Depreciation June 30, 2015</u> |
| <u>Assets</u> | | | | |
| <u>Non-Depreciable</u> | | | | |
| Land | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| <u>Depreciable</u> | | | | |
| Land Improvements | 5,017.56 | 1,318.97 | - | 6,336.53 |
| Building & Improvements | 29,713.58 | 8,548.42 | - | 38,262.00 |
| Communications Equipment | 423,004.85 | 51,536.13 | (4,000.00) | 470,540.98 |
| Furniture & Fixtures | 11,236.27 | 651.74 | - | 11,888.01 |
| Office Equipment | 40,155.08 | 322.57 | (25,463.57) | 15,014.08 |
| Vehicles | 45,259.92 | 5,638.60 | - | 50,898.52 |
| Total Depreciable | <u>554,387.26</u> | <u>68,016.43</u> | <u>(29,463.57)</u> | <u>592,940.12</u> |
| Total | <u>\$ 554,387.26</u> | <u>\$ 68,016.43</u> | <u>\$ (29,463.57)</u> | <u>\$ 592,940.12</u> |

Note 5 – Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents consist of demand deposits with original maturities of three months or less with local financial institutions.

Note 6 – Accounts Receivable/Due from State Emergency Communications Board

The amounts due to the District from the subscriber services and wireless charges include the following:

| | |
|---------------------------|--------------------|
| UCEMC After Hours Service | <u>\$ 6,597.00</u> |
| Total | <u>\$ 6,597.00</u> |

Note 7 – Investment in Capital Assets

| | |
|------------------------------|---------------------|
| Total Non-current Assets | <u>\$331,017.66</u> |
| Investment in Capital Assets | <u>\$331,017.66</u> |

Note 8 – Budgetary Information

As stated in Note 1, the District must file a budget with Smith County each year which must be adopted by the Board of Directors. The budget is prepared on the accrual basis of accounting. Compliance with the adopted is required at the line item level.

Note 9 – Subsequent Events

The District has evaluated subsequent events through December 2, 2015, the date in which the financial statements were available to be issued.

**SMITH COUNTY E-911
EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
JUNE 30, 2015**

| | Actual (Accrual Basis) | Budget (Accrual Basis) | Variance Under (Over) |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| <u>Operating Revenue</u> | | | |
| Emergency Telephone Service Charges | \$ 32,808.80 | \$ 27,996.00 | \$ 4,812.80 |
| State-Shared Wireless Charges | 18,126.17 | 18,200.00 | (73.83) |
| State-Operational Funding Program | 71,395.38 | 71,400.00 | (4.62) |
| TECB Distribution of 911 Surcharges | 151,338.00 | 151,338.00 | - |
| <u>Total Operating Revenue</u> | <u>273,668.35</u> | <u>268,934.00</u> | <u>4,734.35</u> |
| <u>Operating Expenses</u> | | | |
| <u>Contracted Services</u> | | | |
| Addressing/Mapping/Database Expense | 8,980.00 | 7,500.00 | (1,480.00) |
| Audit Services | 2,250.00 | 1,992.00 | (258.00) |
| Contracts for Language Interpreting | 26.86 | - | (26.86) |
| Contracts with Government Agencies | 160,996.00 | 160,992.00 | (4.00) |
| Fees Paid to Service Providers | 16,753.33 | 15,973.20 | (780.13) |
| Maintenance Agreements | 24,951.31 | 13,992.00 | (10,959.31) |
| Pest Control | 175.00 | 2,496.00 | 2,321.00 |
| Lease/Rental-Communications Equipment | 1,800.00 | 24,996.00 | 23,196.00 |
| Lease/Rental-Buildings & Facilities | - | 9,996.00 | 9,996.00 |
| <u>Total Contracted Services</u> | <u>215,932.50</u> | <u>237,937.20</u> | <u>22,004.70</u> |
| <u>Supplies & Materials</u> | | | |
| Office Supplies | 1,050.48 | 1,500.00 | 449.52 |
| Addressing & Mapping Supplies | 33,035.00 | - | (33,035.00) |
| Postage | 19.47 | - | (19.47) |
| Equipment Purchases Not Capitalized | 811.50 | 2,724.00 | 1,912.50 |
| Uniforms | - | 996.00 | 996.00 |
| Utilities - Electric | 255.00 | 252.00 | (3.00) |
| Utilities-Gas | 251.91 | 252.00 | 0.09 |
| Utilities-General Telephone | 2,796.92 | 1,992.00 | (804.92) |
| Utilities-Cell Phones & Pagers | 1,331.48 | 1,500.00 | 168.52 |
| Cable/Internet Charges | 1,718.08 | 1,500.00 | (218.08) |
| M&R-Communications Equipment | 6,413.07 | - | (6,413.07) |
| M&R-Building & Facilities | 4,805.24 | - | (4,805.24) |
| Other Supplies & Materials | 125.68 | - | (125.68) |
| <u>Total Supplies & Materials</u> | <u>52,613.83</u> | <u>10,716.00</u> | <u>(41,897.83)</u> |

**SMITH COUNTY E-911
EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT
BUDGET AND ACTUAL-CONT'D
JUNE 30, 2015**

| | | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| <u>Other Charges</u> | | | |
| Bank Charges | 21.41 | 21.00 | (0.41) |
| Dues & Memberships | 693.31 | 750.00 | 56.69 |
| Insurance - Liability | 6,853.00 | 7,500.00 | 647.00 |
| Legal Notices | 33.00 | - | (33.00) |
| Licenses | 11,483.98 | - | (11,483.98) |
| Premiums on Surety Bonds | 900.00 | - | (900.00) |
| Training Expenses | 1,714.11 | 1,704.00 | (10.11) |
| Travel Expense | 276.00 | 504.00 | 228.00 |
| Other Charges | - | - | - |
| <u>Total Other Charges</u> | <u>21,974.81</u> | <u>10,479.00</u> | <u>(11,495.81)</u> |
| <u>Depreciation</u> | <u>68,016.43</u> | <u>50,400.00</u> | <u>(17,616.43)</u> |
| <u>Total Operating Expenses</u> | <u>358,537.57</u> | <u>309,532.20</u> | <u>(49,005.37)</u> |
| <u>Operating Income (Loss)</u> | <u>(84,869.22)</u> | <u>(40,598.20)</u> | <u>(44,271.02)</u> |
| <u>Non-Operating Revenue</u> | | | |
| Interest Income | 1,406.63 | 1,404.00 | (2.63) |
| TECB Reimbursements and/or Grants | 342,877.09 | 34,054.00 | (308,823.09) |
| UCEMC Contract | 6,597.00 | 5,496.00 | (1,101.00) |
| <u>Total Non-Operating Revenue</u> | <u>350,880.72</u> | <u>40,954.00</u> | <u>(309,926.72)</u> |
| Increase (Decrease) in Net Position | 266,011.50 | 355.80 | 265,655.70 |
| Net Position-Beginning of Period | 839,715.02 | 839,715.02 | - |
| Net Position-End of Period | <u>\$ 1,105,726.52</u> | <u>\$ 840,070.82</u> | <u>\$ 265,655.70</u> |

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EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT
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JUNE 30, 2015**

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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**

Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Directors of the
Smith County E-911 Emergency Communications District
Carthage, Tennessee

I have audited, 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, the financial statements of Smith County E-911 Emergency Communications District, a component unit of Smith County, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015, and have issued my report thereon dated December 2, 2015.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing my audit, I considered the Smith County E-911 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 my opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Smith County E-911 Emergency Communications District's internal control. Accordingly, I do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the 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 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. *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.

My 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. And therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. Given these limitations, during my audit I did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that I consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses

may exist that have not been identified. I did identify certain deficiencies, described as item 15-1 in the accompanying schedule of findings and recommendations that I consider to be significant deficiencies.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether The Smith County E-911 Emergency Communications District's financial statements are free from 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 instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards and* which are described in the accompany schedule of findings and recommendations as item 15-1.

Management's Response to Findings

Smith County E-911 Emergency Communications District's responses to the findings identified in my audit are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and recommendations. The District's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and accordingly, I express no opinion on it.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of my testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the 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 the District's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

December 2, 2015
Cookeville, Tennessee

Tamara L. Beckman, CPA

**SMITH COUNTY E-911
EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT
AUDIT FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
JUNE 30, 2015**

Finding 15-1

A few expense items exceeded budgeted amounts or were not budgeted for at all.

Recommendation

The Board of Directors should amend the budget as needed to cover all expense items of the district.

Management Comment

Management will make a better effort to update the budget accordingly. Even though budget amendments were presented at board meetings it appears the accounting software was not necessarily updated accordingly.