

MONTAGUE COUNTY, TEXAS

SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF STATE AWARDS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2015

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Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance for Each Major Program and on Internal Control Over Compliance Required by the State of Texas Single Audit Circular, and Schedule of Expenditures of State Awards

Honorable County Judge and
Members of the Commissioners' Court
Montague County, Texas

Report on Compliance for Each Major Program

We have audited Montague County, Texas' (County) compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the State of Texas Single Audit Circular that could have a direct and material effect on each of the County's major state program for the year ended September 30, 2015. The County's major state program is identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

Management's Responsibility

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to its state programs.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of the County's major state programs based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable for financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the State of Texas Single Audit Circular. Those standards and the State of Texas Single Audit Circular require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major state program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the County's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance for the major state program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination on the County's compliance.

Opinion on Each Major State Program

In our opinion, the County complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on its major state program for the year ended September 30, 2015.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

Management of the County is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit, we considered the County's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each major state program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the

purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for the major state program and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the State of Texas Single Audit Circular, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control over compliance.

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a state program on a timely basis. A *material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a state program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a state program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance 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 compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. We identified a certain deficiency in internal control over compliance as described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as Finding 2015-001, that we consider to be a material weakness.

The County's response to the internal control over compliance finding identified in our audit is described in the accompanying Corrective Action Plan. The County's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the State of Texas Single Audit Circular. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

Report on Schedule of Expenditures of State Awards

We have audited the modified cash basis financial statements of the governmental activities, the major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the County as of and for the year ended September 30, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements. We have issued our report thereon dated April 11, 2016, which contained unmodified opinions on those financial statements. Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the modified cash basis financial statements that collectively comprise the basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of state awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by the State of Texas Single Audit Circular, and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the modified cash basis financial statements. The 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 modified cash basis financial statements or to the modified cash basis financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedule of expenditures of state awards is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the modified cash basis financial statements as a whole.



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Wichita Falls, Texas
April 11, 2016

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SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF STATE AWARDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2015

<u>State Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/ Program Title</u>	<u>Contract Number</u>	<u>Expenditures and Indirect Costs</u>
<u>Texas Department of Transportation</u>		
Direct Program:		
County Transportation Infrastructure Fund Grant Program	SB 1747	\$ 1,103,427
<u>Office of Court Administration</u>		
Indirect Program:		
Passed Through the Texas Indigent Defense Commission:		
Indigent Defense Grant - Formula Grant Program	212-15-169	<u>20,598</u>
Total state awards		<u>\$ 1,124,025</u>

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NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF STATE AWARDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2015

Note 1 - GENERAL

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of State Awards presents the activity of all state awards of Montague County, Texas (County). All financial assistance received directly from state agencies, as well as state financial assistance passed through other government agencies, is included on this schedule.

Note 2 - BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. The Governmental Fund types are accounted for using a current financial resources measurement focus. Most state grant funds were accounted for in the Special Revenue Funds, a component of the Governmental Fund types. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities on the modified cash basis of accounting are generally included on the balance sheet. Operating statements of these funds present sources and uses of available spendable financial resources during a given period. These funds use fund balance as their measure of available spendable financial resources at the end of the period.

The modified cash basis of accounting is used for the Governmental Fund types. This basis of accounting recognizes assets, liabilities, fund equities, revenues and expenditures when they result from cash transactions. This basis is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America (GAAP).

The Schedule of Expenditures of State Awards is presented on the accrual basis of accounting. State grant funds are ordinarily considered to be earned to the extent of expenditures made under the provisions of the grant and, accordingly, when such funds are received, they are deferred revenues until earned. See Note 4 for the reconciliation between the accrual basis Schedule of Expenditures of State Awards and the modified cash basis financial statements.

Note 3 - CONTINGENCIES

In connection with the state programs, the County is required to comply with specific terms and agreements as well as applicable state laws and regulations. Such compliance is subject to review and audit by the grantors and their representatives.

Since such programs are subject to audit or review, the possibility of disallowed expenditures exists. In the event of any disallowance of claimed expenditures, the County expects the resulting liability to be immaterial.

Note 4 - RECONCILIATION TO MODIFIED CASH BASIS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

State award expenditures per the modified cash basis financial statements	\$1,087,832
Required adjustment to present state award expenditures on the accrual basis	<u>36,193</u>
State award expenditures per the Schedule of Expenditures of State Awards	<u>\$1,124,025</u>



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Independent Auditor's 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*

Honorable County Judge and
Members of the Commissioners' Court
Montague County, Texas

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, the modified cash basis financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Montague County, Texas (County) as of and for the year ended September 30, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated April 11, 2016.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding 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. However, as described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be a material weakness.

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 the County's modified cash basis financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. We consider the deficiency described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as Finding 2015-001 to be a material weakness.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the County's modified cash basis financial statements are free from 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*.

County's Response to Findings

The County's response to the findings identified in our audit is described in the accompanying Corrective Action Plan. The County's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

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 the County'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 County's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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Wichita Falls, Texas
April 11, 2016

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SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2015

A. Summary of Auditor's Results

An unmodified opinion was issued on the modified cash basis financial statements.

The audit disclosed one material weakness relating to the audit of the modified cash basis financial statements in the 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*.

The audit disclosed no noncompliance that is material to the financial statements.

The audit disclosed one material weakness relating to the audit of the major state award program in the Report on Compliance with Requirements Applicable to Each Major Program and Internal Control Over Compliance in Accordance with the State of Texas Single Audit Circular. There were no significant deficiencies that were not material weaknesses

An unmodified opinion was issued on compliance for the major program.

The audit disclosed one audit finding that is required to be reported in this schedule under the State of Texas Single Audit Circular.

Major state program is as follows:

County Transportation Infrastructure Fund Grant Program

The threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs was \$300,000.

The County was not classified as a low-risk auditee in the context of the State of Texas Single Audit Circular.

B. Findings Relating to the Financial Statements which are Required to be Reported in Accordance with Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards

Finding 2015-001 – Material Weakness in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

Criteria or Specified Requirement

The County should maintain adequate internal control over financial reporting to ensure accurate reporting in the County's financial statements as well as reporting any amounts to grantors.

Condition Found

During the audit, misstatements in the County's accounting records were material to the County's financial statements. The misstatements were not identified prior to the audit by the County's internal control processes. The misstatements also resulted in the County requesting reimbursement for three separate invoices twice under its County Transportation Infrastructure Fund Grant Program.

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SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS (CONT'D) FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2015

Cause

The County did not record all of the necessary entries to properly record all financial transactions in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting and they did not properly track its expenditure of grant funds.

Effect

Material misstatements were noted during the audit of the County's modified cash basis financial statements and were required to be corrected. Therefore, internally prepared modified cash basis financial statements are materially in error and do not follow the County's modified cash basis of accounting.

Recommendation

We recommend that the County record activity for the County Transportation Infrastructure Fund Grant Program in the specific grant special revenue funds as expenditures are paid rather than in the regular Road & Bridge funds and later moved to the grant precinct special revenue funds when reimbursement is received which resulted in the County requesting reimbursement for the same invoices twice on three separate occasions.

Views of Responsible Officials and Planned Corrective Action

Please refer to the Corrective Action Plan prepared by the County's management.

C. Findings and Questioned Costs for State Awards

See Finding 2015-001 – No questioned costs are associated with the finding because the County corrected the reporting error through subsequent reports.

MONTAGUE COUNTY, TEXAS
CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2015

Finding 2015-001

The County has reviewed the finding noted in the audit and agrees with it. However, because the grant is in its final year, it has been decided to not change the accounting practices for the grant. However, additional measures have been made to ensure duplicate invoices will not be claimed in the future. Furthermore, should the grant extend past the County's fiscal year end, the County will make the necessary accounting entries to report the grant expenditures in the correct funds.

The Contact person for this corrective action plan is Rick Lewis, County Judge.

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SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2015

The County did not have any findings in the prior year.