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AND
MANAGEMENT LETTER**

NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners
and Constitutional Officers
Nassau County, Florida

We have audited the financial statements of Nassau County, Florida as of and for the year ended September 30, 2021, and have issued our report thereon dated March 18, 2022, which contained an unmodified opinion on those financial statements. Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole.

The schedule of expenditures of federal awards and state financial assistance is presented for the purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the 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 financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.



March 18, 2022
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NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS AND STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

| Grant Agency/Grant Title | Assistance Listing | Contract/Grant Number | Expenditures |
|--|--------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|
| United States Department of Justice | | | |
| Direct: | | | |
| Nassau County Adult Drug Court Implementation Project | 16.585 | 2019-DC-BX-0022 | \$ 55,888 |
| Office of Community Oriented Policing Services | 16.710 | 2017-UM-WX-0133 | 50,181 |
| Office of Community Oriented Policing Services | 16.710 | 2020-UM-WX-0225 | 201,652 |
| Subtotal Expenditures - CFDA 16.710 | | | <u>251,833</u> |
| Indirect: | | | |
| Passed Through Office of the Attorney General of Florida Victims of Crimes Act (VOCA) | 16.575 | VOCA-2019-Nassau County-03191 | 53,349 |
| Passed Through Florida Department of Law Enforcement: | | | |
| Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program | 16.034 | 2021-CESF-NASS-1-C9-074 | 37,151 |
| Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance | 16.738 | PGI | 12,674 |
| 2019 Drug Eradication and Special Response Team | 16.738 | 2020-JAGD-NASS-1Y5-042 | 44,988 |
| 2020 JAG Florida Direct Enhancement Grant | 16.738 | 2020-JAGD-NASS-1Y6-023 | 9,353 |
| Subtotal Expenditures - CFDA 16.738 | | | <u>67,015</u> |
| Equitable Sharing Program | 16.922 | | |
| Total United States Department of Justice | | | <u>465,236</u> |
| United States Department of Transportation | | | |
| Indirect: | | | |
| Passed Through Florida Department of Transportation: | | | |
| Highway Planning and Construction | 20.205 | 441214--1-38-01 | 3,633 |
| Highway Planning and Construction | 20.205 | 441217-1-68-02 | 813 |
| Highway Planning and Construction | 20.205 | 443248-1-38-02 | 1,929 |
| Highway Planning and Construction | 20.205 | 439496-1-58-01 & 68-02 | 5,039 |
| Highway Planning and Construction | 20.205 | 437336-1-38-02 | 662 |
| Highway Planning and Construction | 20.205 | 437334-1-38-02 | 1,054 |
| Highway Planning and Construction | 20.205 | 437337-1-38-02 | 662 |
| Highway Planning and Construction | 20.205 | 437335-1-38-02 | 1,268 |
| Highway Planning and Construction | 20.205 | 441241-1-38-02 | 1,436 |
| Subtotal Expenditures - CFDA 20.205 | | | <u>16,496</u> |
| Total United States Department of Transportation | | | <u>16,496</u> |
| United States Department of the Treasury | | | |
| Indirect: | | | |
| Passed Through Florida Department of Law Enforcement: | | | |
| Equitable Sharing Program | 21.016 | N/A | 216,928 |
| Passed Through Florida Division of Emergency Management: | | | |
| Coronavirus Relief Fund (CARES Act) | 21.019 | Y2286 | 38,307 |
| Passed Through Florida Housing Finance Corporation: | | | |
| Coronavirus Relief Fund (CARES Act) | 21.019 | 079-2020 | 591,549 |
| Subtotal Expenditures - CFDA 21.019 | | | <u>629,856</u> |
| Total United States Department of the Treasury | | | <u>846,784</u> |

NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS AND STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

| Grant Agency/Grant Title | Assistance Listing | Contract/Grant Number | Expenditures |
|--|--------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| United States Election Assistance Commission | | | |
| Indirect: | | | |
| Passed Through Florida Division of Elections | | | |
| Help America Vote Act | 90.404 | | |
| Help America Vote Act | 90.404 | 21.e.es.00.013 | \$ 66,487 |
| Help America Vote Act - COVID | 90.404 | MOA #2020-001-NAS | 35,699 |
| Subtotal Expenditures - CFDA 90.404 | | | <u>102,186</u> |
| Total United States Election Assistance Commission | | | <u>102,186</u> |
| United States Department of Health and Human Services | | | |
| Indirect: | | | |
| Passed Through Florida Department of Revenue: | | | |
| Child Support Enforcement | 93.563 | CSS45 | 5,700 |
| Child Support Enforcement | 93.563 | CSOC45 | 103,055 |
| Subtotal Expenditures - CFDA 93.563 | | | <u>108,755</u> |
| Total United States Department of Health and Human Services | | | <u>108,755</u> |
| United States Department of Homeland Security | | | |
| Indirect: | | | |
| Passed Through Florida Division of Emergency Management: | | | |
| Disaster Grant - Public Assistance - FEMA | 97.036 | N/A | 992,354 |
| Disaster Grant - Public Assistance - FEMA | 97.036 | N/A | 973,638 |
| Subtotal Expenditures - CFDA 97.036 | | | <u>1,965,992</u> |
| Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) | 97.042 | G0114 | 5,167 |
| Emergency Management Performance Grant, COVID-19 Supplemental | 97.042 | EMPG-S | 9,944 |
| Subtotal Expenditures - CFDA 97.042 | | | <u>15,111</u> |
| Assistance to Firefighters | 97.044 | EMW-2020-FG-00700 | 31,486 |
| Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) | 97.083 | EMW-201900FF-00837 | 311,179 |
| Total United States Department of Homeland Security | | | <u>2,323,768</u> |
| Florida Department of State | | | |
| Indirect: | | | |
| Passed Through Division of Library and Information Services | | | |
| DLIS Florida CARES Act Grant | 45.310 | 21.1.ca000.104 | 51,886 |
| Total Federal Awards | | | <u>\$ 3,915,111</u> |

NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS AND STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

| Grant Agency/Grant Title | State CSFA Number | Contract/Grant Number | Expenditures |
|--|-------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Executive Office of the Governor | | | |
| Emergency Management Programs | 31.063 | 21-BG-21-04-55-01-011 | \$ 8,419 |
| Total Executive Office of the Governor | | | <u>8,419</u> |
| Florida Department of Environmental Protection | | | |
| Beach Management Funding Assistance Program | 37.003 | 17NA3 | 238,934 |
| Beach Management Funding Assistance Program | 37.003 | 19NA1 | 116,383 |
| Beach Management Funding Assistance Program | 37.003 | 20NA1 | 2,353,865 |
| Beach Management Funding Assistance Program | 37.003 | 19NA3 | 82,982 |
| Subtotal Expenditures - CSFA 37.003 | | | <u>2,792,164</u> |
| Small County Consolidated Waste Grants | 37.012 | SC025 | 93,750 |
| Statewide Surface Water Restoration and Wastewater Projects | 37.039 | LPA0029 | 199,265 |
| Total Department of Environmental Protection | | | <u>3,085,179</u> |
| Florida Department of State | | | |
| State Aid to Libraries Grant Program | 45.030 | 21-ST-36 | 24,336 |
| Total Florida Department of State | | | <u>24,336</u> |
| Florida Housing Finance Corporation | | | |
| State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program | 40.901 | 18/19 | 84,084 |
| State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program | 40.901 | 19/20 | 60,792 |
| Subtotal Expenditures - CSFA No. 40.901 | | | <u>144,876</u> |
| Total Florida Housing Finance Corporation | | | <u>144,876</u> |
| Florida Department of Transportation | | | |
| Small County Outreach Program (SCOP) | 55.009 | 431638-1-58-01 | 4,007,283 |
| Small County Outreach Program (SCOP) | 55.009 | 430691-1-58-01 | 1,225,872 |
| Small County Outreach Program (SCOP) | 55.009 | 430691-2-58-01 | 3,516,072 |
| Small County Outreach Program (SCOP) | 55.009 | 438209-1-54-01 | 242,735 |
| Subtotal Expenditures - CSFA No. 55.009 | | | <u>8,991,962</u> |
| County Incentive Grant Program (CIGP) | 55.008 | 436465-1-54-01 | 867,753 |
| Local Transportation Projects | 55.039 | 443400-2-54-01 | 188,331 |
| Total Florida Department of Transportation | | | <u>10,048,046</u> |
| Florida Department of Health | | | |
| County Grant Awards | 64.005 | C9045 | 8,750 |
| Total Florida Department of Health | | | <u>8,750</u> |
| Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles | | | |
| Florida Arts License Plates Project | 76.041 | SC025 | 5,625 |
| Total Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles | | | <u>5,625</u> |
| Florida Department of Juvenile Justice | | | |
| Sheriff Work Ethics and Training | 80.029 | 10661 | 184,655 |
| Total Florida Department of Juvenile Justice | | | <u>184,655</u> |
| Total State Financial Assistance | | | <u>\$ 13,509,886</u> |
| Total Federal Awards and State Financial Assistance | | | <u>\$ 17,424,997</u> |

**NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA
NOTE TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
AND STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021**

Note 1 - Basis of Presentation

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards and state financial assistance includes the state award activity of Nassau County, Florida, and is presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting.

During the year ended September 30, 2021, FEMA approved \$236,434 of eligible expenditures that were incurred in a prior year and are included in the accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards and state financial assistance.

Nassau County did not elect to use the 10% de minimis indirect cost rate in Section 200.44, Indirect (F&A) Costs, of the Uniform Guidance.

**REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM AND
STATE PROJECT AND REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY
THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE AND CHAPTER 10.550, RULES OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL**

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners
and Constitutional Officers
Nassau County, Florida

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Award and State Project

We have audited Nassau County, Florida's (the County) compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the OMB *Compliance Supplement* and the requirements described in the Department of Financial Services' *State Projects Compliance Supplement*, that could have a direct and material effect on each of the County's major federal programs and state projects for the year ended September 30, 2021. The County's major federal programs and state projects are 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 Federal and State statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of its Federal awards and State projects.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of the County's major Federal programs and State projects 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 to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance), and Chapter 10.550, *Rules of the Auditor General*. Those standards, the Uniform Guidance and Chapter 10.550, *Rules of the Auditor General*, require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether non-compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major Federal program or State project 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 each major Federal program and State project. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of the County's compliance.

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STATE PROJECT AND REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY
THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE AND CHAPTER 10.550, RULES OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL**

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program and State Project

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 each of its major Federal programs and State projects for the year ended September 30, 2021.

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 of compliance, 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 Federal program or State project to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for each major Federal program and State project and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the *Uniform Guidance* and Chapter 10.550, *Rules of the Auditor General*, 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, non-compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program or state project on a timely basis. *A material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material non-compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program or state project 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 federal program or state project that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

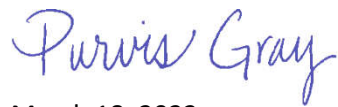
Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. We did not identify any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

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners
and Constitutional Officers
Nassau County, Florida

**REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM AND
STATE PROJECT AND REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY
THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE AND CHAPTER 10.550, RULES OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL**

Purpose

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 Uniform Guidance and Chapter 10.550, *Rules of the Auditor General*. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.



March 18, 2022
Gainesville, Florida

**NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS -
FEDERAL AWARDS AND STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021**

Summary of Auditor’s Results

1. The independent auditor’s report expresses an unmodified opinion on the financial statements of Nassau County, Florida (the County).
2. The audit did not report any material weaknesses and reported a significant deficiency 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*.
3. There were no instances of non-compliance material to the financial statements identified during the audit of the financial statements required to be reported 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*.
4. The audit disclosed no significant deficiencies and/or material weaknesses in internal control over major federal programs or state projects that are required to be reported in the schedule of findings and questioned costs.
5. The report on compliance for the major federal programs and state projects expresses an unmodified opinion.
6. The audit disclosed no findings that are required to be reported in accordance with the *Uniform Guidance* and Chapter 10.550, *Rules of the Auditor General*.
7. The programs tested as major federal program and state financial assistance projects included:

| Federal Programs | <u>Assistance Listing No.</u> |
|---|--------------------------------------|
| Coronavirus Relief Fund | 21.019 |
| Disaster Grant – Public Assistance – FEMA | 97.036 |
| State Projects | <u>CSFA No.</u> |
| Beach Management Funding Assistance Program | 37.003 |
| County Incentive Grant Program | 55.008 |
| Small County Outreach Program (SCOP) | 55.009 |

8. The threshold for distinguishing Type A and B programs was \$750,000 for federal programs and \$750,000 for state projects.
9. The County qualified as a low risk auditee for federal grant programs.

Financial Statement Findings

Financial statement findings, if any, are reported in the individual reports of the Board and the Constitutional Officers.

Findings and Questioned Costs for Major Federal Programs and State Projects

The audit disclosed no findings for major federal programs and state projects to be reported under the *Uniform Guidance* and Chapter 10.550, *Rules of the Auditor General*.

Status of Prior Audit Findings

There were no prior year findings required to be reported in accordance with the *Uniform Guidance* and Chapter 10.550, *Rules of the Auditor General*.

**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**

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners
Nassau County, Florida

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 financial statements of the Nassau County Board of County Commissioners, Nassau County, Florida, (the Board) as of and for the year ended September 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated March 18, 2022.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Board's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Board's internal controls. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Board'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 the Board's financial statement 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 and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. We did identify a certain deficiency in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses as item 2021-001 that we consider to be a significant deficiency.

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BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN
ACCORDANCE WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS***

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Board's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, non-compliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. 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 non-compliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Board's Response to Findings

The Board's response to the findings identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses. The Board'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 Board'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 Board's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



March 18, 2022
Gainesville, Florida

MANAGEMENT LETTER

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners
Nassau County, Florida

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the financial statements of the Nassau County Board of County Commissioners, Nassau County, Florida, (the Board) as of and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2021, and have issued our report thereon dated March 18, 2022.

Auditor's Responsibility

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and Chapter 10.550, *Rules of the Auditor General*.

Other Reporting Requirements

We have issued our Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of the Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*; and Independent Accountant's Report on an examination conducted in accordance with *AICPA Professional Standards*, AT-C Section 315, regarding compliance requirements in accordance with Chapter 10.550, *Rules of the Auditor General*. Disclosures in those reports, which are dated March 18, 2022, should be considered in conjunction with this management letter.

Prior Audit Findings

- Section 10.554(1)(i)1., *Rules of the Auditor General*, requires that we determine whether or not corrective actions have been taken to address findings and recommendations made in the preceding annual financial audit report. Corrective actions have been taken to address findings and recommendations made in the preceding financial audit report.

Official Title and Legal Authority

- Section 10.554(1)(i)4., *Rules of the Auditor General*, requires that the name or official title and legal authority for the primary government and each component unit of the reporting entity be disclosed in this management letter, unless disclosed in the notes to the financial statements. The Board was established by the Constitution of the State of Florida, Article VIII, Section 1(d). The Board includes component units as described in Note 1 of the financial statements.

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Financial Management

- Section 10.554(1)(i)2., *Rules of the Auditor General*, requires that we communicate any recommendations to improve financial management. In connection with our audit, we did not have any such recommendations.

Special District Component Units

Section 10.554(1)(i)5.c., *Rules of the Auditor General*, requires, if appropriate, that we communicate the failure of a special district that is a component unit of a county, municipality, or special district, to provide the financial information necessary for proper reporting of the component unit within the audited financial statements of the county, municipality, or special district in accordance with Section 218.39(3)(b), Florida Statutes. In connection with our audit, we did not note any special district component units that failed to provide the necessary information for proper reporting in accordance with Section 218.39(3)(b), Florida Statutes.

Specific Information

The specific information below has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it. As required by Section 218.39(3)(c), Florida Statutes, and Section 10.554(1)(i)6, *Rules of the Auditor General*, the American Beach Water and Sewer District reported:

- a. The total number of district employees compensated in the last pay period of the district’s fiscal year as 0.
- b. The total number of independent contractors to whom non-employee compensation was paid in the last month of the district’s fiscal year as 0.
- c. All compensation earned by or awarded to employees, whether paid or accrued, regardless of contingency as \$0.
- d. All compensation earned by or awarded to non-employee independent contractors, whether paid or accrued, regardless of contingency as \$0.
- e. Each construction project with a total cost of at least \$65,000 approved by the district that is scheduled to begin on or after October 1 of the fiscal year being reported, together with the total expenditures for such project as:

| | |
|---------------------------|------------|
| Main Improvement Project | \$ 178,421 |
| Sewer Improvement Project | \$ 399,479 |

- f. A budget variance based on the budget adopted under Section 189.016(4), Florida Statutes, before the beginning of the fiscal year being reported if the district amends a final adopted budget under Section 189.016(6), Florida Statutes is \$1,274,180.

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners
Nassau County, Florida

MANAGEMENT LETTER

Additional Matters

- Section 10.554(1)(i)3., *Rules of the Auditor General*, requires us to communicate non-compliance with provisions of contracts or grant agreements, or abuse, that have occurred, or are likely to have occurred, that have an effect on the financial statements that is less than material but more than inconsequential. In connection with our audit, we did not have any such findings.

Purpose of this Letter

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March 18, 2022
Gainesville, Florida

**NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES
YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021**

SECTION I – FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

Finding 2021-001: Internal Controls Related to Nassau-Amelia Utilities (Significant Deficiency)

Condition

Effective October 1, 2020, the Board outsourced substantially all of the operations and billing functions of Nassau-Amelia Utilities (NAU) to a third party. During our audit we noted certain utility billing adjustments did not include documentation of a secondary review and approval. We also noted a lack of controls and monitoring over posting utility billing activity to the general ledger that resulted in significant adjustments to the Water and Sewer Fund's revenue and receivable accounts.

Criteria

Proper internal control over financial reporting should be designed to allow management or employees to prevent, or detect and correct, material misstatements on a timely basis. Auditors are prohibited from acting as a segment of the Board's internal control over financial reporting.

Cause of Condition

The outsourcing of NAU operations was a significant change in operations and control functions. Functions related to NAU were split between the Board and a third-party and while there was regular communication between the parties, certain internal control over financial reporting weaknesses resulted.

Effect of Condition

Weaknesses in internal control processes resulted in significant errors to recorded amounts of utility revenues and receivables which went undetected. In addition, the lack of a secondary review of billing adjustments could lead to inaccurate billing or inappropriate billing adjustments.

Recommendation

We recommend the Board review controls over financial reporting, monitoring and billing adjustments related to NAU including which controls will be performed by the Board and which will be performed by the third party operator with Board oversight.



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March 22, 2022

Honorable Sherrill F. Norman, CPA
Auditor General, State of Florida
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Claude Pepper Building, Room 401
111 West Madison Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1450

Dear Ms. Norman,

This letter is in response to the Independent Auditors' Report on Internal Control related to Nassau-Amelia Utilities (NAU) to the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, for the year ended September 30, 2021. As detailed below the independent auditors identified a deficiency in timeliness and internal control related to the tracking of NAU operations that was considered to be a significant deficiency.

Finding 2021-001: Internal Controls Related to Nassau-Amelia Utilities

Condition

Effective October 1, 2020, the Board outsourced substantially all of the operations and billing functions of Nassau-Amelia Utilities (NAU) to a third party. During our audit we noted certain utility billing adjustments did not include documentation of a secondary review and approval. We also noted a lack of controls and monitoring over posting utility billing activity to the general ledger that resulted in significant adjustments to the Water and Sewer Fund's revenue and receivable accounts.

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Cause of Condition

The outsourcing of NAU operations was a significant change in operations and control functions. Functions related to NAU were split between the Board and a third-party and while there was regular communication between the parties, certain internal control over financial reporting weaknesses resulted.

Effect of Condition

Weaknesses in internal control processes resulted in significant errors to recorded amounts of utility revenues and receivables which went undetected. In addition, the lack of a secondary review of billing adjustments could lead to inaccurate billing or inappropriate billing adjustments.

Recommendation

We recommend the Board review controls over financial reporting, monitoring and billing adjustments related to NAU including which controls will be performed by the Board and which will be performed by the third party operator with Board oversight.

Views of Responsible Officials and Planned Corrective Actions

As noted in the *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*, 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 significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Additionally, as noted in the *Independent Accountant's Report on Compliance with Section 218.415, Florida Statutes*, it is stated that in the opinion of the Auditor, the Board complied, in all material respects, with the aforementioned requirements for the year ended September 30, 2021.

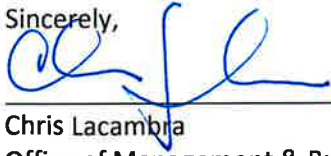
As further noted in the Management Letter, it notes that Section 10.554(1)(i)2., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that the Auditor communicate any recommendations to improve financial management. In connection with the audit, the Auditor did not have any such recommendations.

With regard to the timeliness to detect and correct any financial misstatement, we understand there were internal accounting accruals and a duplicate posting which were not corrected in a timely and efficient manner. Although these items were resolved through the closing of the financials and the audit process, these items should have been adjusted during monthly and quarterly reviews of the financials.

As also noted by the Auditor, they recommend the Board review controls over financial reporting, monitoring and billing adjustments related to NAU including which controls will be performed by the Board and which will be performed by the third party operator with Board oversight.

To improve both timeliness and internal controls, it should be noted that since FY 20/21, there have been significant changes and enhancements within the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), including the appointment of a new OMB Director and Assistant OMB Director. With the addition of these new individuals with direct internal control and audit experience, there is a greater focus on developing formal proactive controls for the monitoring of the financial reporting and billings related to NAU on a timely basis. Although financial and billing information was previously available for monitoring, to further assure timeliness of reviews and formal approvals are documented, the County is in the process a securing a secondary audit firm to review the expansion of the internal controls to meet the request of the Auditor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'CL', is written over a horizontal line.

Chris Lacambra
Office of Management & Budget Director

Cc: Board of County Commissioners
Nassau County Clerk of the Court and Comptroller
Taco E. Pope, AICP, County Manager
Marshall Eyerman, Assistant County Manager

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The Honorable John A. Crawford
Nassau County Clerk of the Circuit Court
Nassau County, Florida

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 financial statements of each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Nassau County, Florida, Clerk of the Circuit Court (the Clerk), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Clerk's financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated February 15, 2022.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

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Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Clerk's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, non-compliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. 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 non-compliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

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



February 15, 2022
Gainesville, Florida

MANAGEMENT LETTER

The Honorable John A. Crawford
Nassau County Clerk of the Circuit Court
Nassau County, Florida

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the financial statements of each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Nassau County, Florida, Clerk of the Circuit Court (the Clerk) as of and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2021, and have issued our report thereon dated February 15, 2022.

Auditor's Responsibility

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and Chapter 10.550, *Rules of the Florida Auditor General*.

Other Reporting Requirements

We have issued our Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of the Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*; and Independent Accountant's Reports on our examinations conducted in accordance with *AICPA Professional Standards*, AT-C Section 315, regarding compliance requirements in accordance with Chapter 10.550, *Rules of the Auditor General*. Disclosures in those reports, which are dated February 15, 2022, should be considered in conjunction with this management letter.

Prior Audit Findings

Section 10.554(1)(i)1., *Rules of the Auditor General*, requires that we determine whether or not corrective actions have been taken to address significant findings and recommendations made in the preceding annual financial audit report. There were no such recommendations made in the preceding annual financial report.

Official Title and Legal Authority

Section 10.554(1)(i)4., *Rules of the Auditor General*, requires that the name or official title and legal authority for the primary government and each component unit of the reporting entity be disclosed in this management letter, unless disclosed in the notes to the financial statements. The Clerk was established by the Constitution of the State of Florida, Article VIII, Section 1(d). There were no component units related to the Clerk.

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MANAGEMENT LETTER

Financial Management

Section 10.554(1)(i)2., *Rules of the Auditor General*, requires that we communicate any recommendations to improve financial management. In connection with our audit, we did not have any such recommendations.

Additional Matters

Section 10.554(1)(i)3., *Rules of the Auditor General*, requires us to communicate non-compliance with provisions of contracts or grant agreements, or abuse, that have occurred, or are likely to have occurred, that have an effect on the determination of financial statements that is less than material but which warrants that attention of those charged with governance. In connection with our audit, we did not have any such findings.

Purpose of this Letter

Our management letter is intended solely for the information and use of the Legislative Auditing Committee, members of the Florida Senate and the Florida House of Representatives, the Florida Auditor General, Federal and other granting agencies, the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, the Clerk and applicable management, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

We wish to take this opportunity to thank you and your staff for the cooperation and courtesies extended to us during the course of our audit. Please let us know if you have any questions or comments concerning this letter, our accompanying reports, or other matters.



February 15, 2022
Gainesville, Florida

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The Honorable Bill Leeper
Nassau County Sheriff
Nassau County, Florida

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to the financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Nassau County, Florida, Sheriff (the Sheriff) as of and for the year ended September 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Sheriff's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated March 1, 2022.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

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.

The Honorable Bill Leeper
Nassau County Sheriff
Nassau County, Florida

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Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Sheriff's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, non-compliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. 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 non-compliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

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



March 1, 2022
Gainesville, Florida

MANAGEMENT LETTER

The Honorable Bill Leeper
Nassau County Sheriff
Nassau County, Florida

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the financial statements of Nassau County, Florida, Sheriff (the Sheriff) as of and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2021, and have issued our report thereon dated March 1, 2022.

Auditor's Responsibility

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and Chapter 10.550, *Rules of the Auditor General*.

Other Reporting Requirements

We have issued our Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of the Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*; and Independent Accountant's Report on our examination conducted in accordance with AICPA *Professional Standards*, AT-C Section 315, regarding compliance requirements in accordance with Chapter 10.550, *Rules of the Auditor General*. Disclosures in those reports, which are dated March 1, 2022, should be considered in conjunction with this management letter.

Prior Audit Findings

Section 10.554(1)(i)1., *Rules of the Auditor General*, requires that we determine whether or not corrective actions have been taken to address findings and recommendations made in the preceding annual financial audit report. There were no such findings or recommendations made in the preceding financial audit report.

Official Title and Legal Authority

Section 10.554(1)(i)4., *Rules of the Auditor General*, requires that the name or official title and legal authority for the primary government and each component unit of the reporting entity be disclosed in this management letter, unless disclosed in the notes to the financial statements. The Sheriff was established by the Constitution of the State of Florida, Article VIII, Section 1(d). There were no component units related to the Sheriff.

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Nassau County, Florida

MANAGEMENT LETTER

Financial Management

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Additional Matters

Section 10.554(1)(i)3., *Rules of the Auditor General*, requires us to communicate non-compliance with provisions of contracts or grant agreements, or abuse, that have occurred, or are likely to have occurred, that have an effect on the determination of financial statement amounts that is less than material but which warrants the attention of those charged with governance. In connection with our audit, we did not note any such findings.

Purpose of this Letter

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March 1, 2022
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The Honorable John Drew
Nassau County Tax Collector
Nassau County, Florida

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 financial statements of the general fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Nassau County, Florida, Tax Collector (the Tax Collector), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Tax Collector's financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated February 28, 2022.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Tax Collector'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 opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Tax Collector's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Tax Collector'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 the Tax Collector'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.

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Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Tax Collector's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, non-compliance 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 non-compliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

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



February 28, 2022
Gainesville, Florida

MANAGEMENT LETTER

The Honorable John Drew
Nassau County Tax Collector
Nassau County, Florida

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the financial statements of the general fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Nassau County, Florida Tax Collector (the Tax Collector) as of and for the year ended September 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Tax Collector's financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated February 28, 2022.

Auditor's Responsibility

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; and Chapter 10.550, *Rules of the Auditor General*.

Other Reporting Requirements

We have issued our Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of the Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*; and Independent Accountant's Report on an examination conducted in accordance with AICPA *Professional Standards*, AT-C Section 315, regarding compliance requirements in accordance with Chapter 10.550, *Rules of the Auditor General*. Disclosures in those reports, which are dated February 28, 2022, should be considered in conjunction with this management letter.

Prior Audit Findings

Section 10.554(1)(i)1., *Rules of the Auditor General*, requires that we determine whether or not corrective actions have been taken to address findings and recommendations made in the preceding annual financial audit report. There were no findings or recommendations made in the preceding annual financial audit report.

Official Title and Legal Authority

Section 10.554(1)(i)4., *Rules of the Auditor General*, requires that the name or official title and legal authority for the primary government and each component unit of the reporting entity be disclosed in this management letter, unless disclosed in the notes to the financial statements. The Tax Collector was established by the Constitution of the State of Florida, Article VIII, Section 1(d). There were no component units related to the Tax Collector.

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MANAGEMENT LETTER

Financial Management

Section 10.554(1)(i)2., *Rules of the Auditor General*, requires that we communicate any recommendations to improve financial management. In connection with our audit, we did not have any such recommendations.

Additional Matters

Section 10.554(1)(i)3., *Rules of the Auditor General*, requires us to communicate non-compliance with provisions of contracts or grant agreements, or abuse, that have occurred, or are likely to have occurred, that have an effect on the financial statements that is less than material but which warrants the attention of those charged with governance. In connection with our audit, we did not note any such findings.

Purpose of this Letter

Our management letter is intended solely for the information and use of the Legislative Auditing Committee, members of the Florida Senate and the Florida House of Representatives, the Florida Auditor General, the Tax Collector, its management, and the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida; and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

We wish to take this opportunity to thank you and your staff for the cooperation and courtesies extended to us during the course of our audit. Please let us know if you have any questions or comments concerning this letter, our accompanying reports, or other matters.



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The Honorable A. Michael Hickox
Nassau County Property Appraiser
Nassau County, Florida

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 financial statements of the general fund of the Nassau County, Florida, Property Appraiser (the Property Appraiser) as of and for the year ended September 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Property Appraiser's financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated February 23, 2022.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Property Appraiser'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 opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Property Appraiser's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Property Appraiser'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 the Property Appraiser'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.

The Honorable A. Michael Hickox
Nassau County Property Appraiser
Nassau County, Florida

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ACCORDANCE WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS***

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Property Appraiser's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, non-compliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. 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 non-compliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

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



February 23, 2022
Gainesville, Florida

MANAGEMENT LETTER

The Honorable A. Michael Hickox
Nassau County Property Appraiser
Nassau County, Florida

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the financial statements of the general fund of the Nassau County, Florida, Property Appraiser (the Property Appraiser) as of and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2021, and have issued our report thereon dated February 23, 2022.

Auditor's Responsibility

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and Chapter 10.550, *Rules of the Auditor General*.

Other Reporting Requirements

We have issued our Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of the Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*; and Independent Accountant's Report on an examination conducted in accordance with AICPA *Professional Standards*, AT-C Section 315, regarding compliance requirements in accordance with Chapter 10.550, *Rules of the Auditor General*. Disclosures in those reports and schedule, which are dated February 23, 2022, should be considered in conjunction with this management letter.

Prior Audit Findings

Section 10.554(1)(i)1., *Rules of the Auditor General*, requires that we determine whether or not corrective actions have been taken to address findings and recommendations made in the preceding annual financial audit report. There were no findings or recommendations made in the preceding annual financial audit report.

Official Title and Legal Authority

Section 10.554(1)(i)4., *Rules of the Auditor General*, requires that the name or official title and legal authority for the primary government and each component unit of the reporting entity be disclosed in this management letter, unless disclosed in the notes to the financial statements. The Property Appraiser was established by the Constitution of the State of Florida, Article VIII, Section 1(d). There were no component units related to the Property Appraiser.

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The Honorable A. Michael Hickox
Nassau County Property Appraiser
Nassau County, Florida

MANAGEMENT LETTER

Financial Management

Section 10.554(1)(i)2., *Rules of the Auditor General*, requires that we address in the management letter any recommendations to improve financial management. In connection with our audit, we did not have any such recommendations.

Additional Matters

Section 10.554(1)(i)3., *Rules of the Auditor General*, requires us to communicate non-compliance with provisions of contracts or grant agreements, or abuse, that have occurred, or are likely to have occurred, that have an effect on the financial statements that is less than material but which warrants the attention of those charged with governance. In connection with our audit, we did not note any such findings.

Purpose of this Letter

Our management letter is intended solely for the information and use of the Legislative Auditing Committee, members of the Florida Senate and the Florida House of Representatives, the Florida Auditor General, the Property Appraiser, its management, and the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

We wish to take this opportunity to thank you and your staff for the cooperation and courtesies extended to us during the course of our audit. Please let us know if you have any questions or comments concerning this letter, our accompanying reports, or other matters.



February 23, 2022
Gainesville, Florida

**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**

The Honorable Janet H. Adkins
Nassau County Supervisor of Elections
Nassau County, Florida

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 financial statements of the general fund of the Nassau County, Florida, Supervisor of Elections (the Supervisor of Elections) as of and for the year ended September 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Supervisor of Elections' basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated March 15, 2022.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Supervisor of Elections' internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Supervisor of Elections' internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Supervisor of Elections' 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 Supervisor of Elections' 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.

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Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Supervisor of Elections' financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, non-compliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statement. 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 non-compliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

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 Supervisor of Elections' internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Supervisor of Elections' internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



March 15, 2022
Gainesville, Florida

MANAGEMENT LETTER

The Honorable Janet H. Adkins
Nassau County Supervisor of Elections
Nassau County, Florida

Report on the Financial Statements

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Auditor's Responsibility

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Prior Audit Findings

Section 10.554(1)(i)1., *Rules of the Auditor General*, requires that we determine whether or not corrective actions have been taken to address findings and recommendations made in the preceding annual financial audit report. There were no findings or recommendations made in the preceding annual financial audit report.

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MANAGEMENT LETTER

Financial Management

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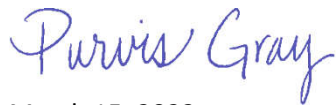
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March 15, 2022
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