
MONTGOMERY COUNTY ESD 9

REPORT ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(With Supplemental Material)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

March 12, 2024

Board of Commissioners
Montgomery County ESD 9
Montgomery County, Texas

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Montgomery County ESD 9, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2023 and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements, as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Montgomery County ESD 9, as of September 30, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of Montgomery County ESD 9, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Montgomery County ESD 9's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Montgomery County ESD 9's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Montgomery County ESD 9's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.
- We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison on pages 5 through 8 and 23 through 26 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise Montgomery County ESD 9's basic financial statements. The supplementary information on pages 27 and 28 is presented for purposes of additional analysis 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 basic 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 basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Brechner & Co., P.C.

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MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION & ANALYSIS SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

The purpose of the Management's Discussion and Analysis (the "MD&A") is to give the readers an objective and easily readable analysis of the financial activities of the Montgomery County ESD 9 (the "District") for the year ended September 30, 2023. The District consolidated their operations with Montgomery County Emergency Services District No. 5 on June 9, 2015. A new entity was formed on the merger date, and all assets and liabilities were transferred to the new entity. The District was discontinued upon the merger and transferred to the new entity. The analysis is based on currently known facts, decisions, or economic conditions. It presents short and long-term analysis of the District's activities and discusses the positive and negative aspects of that comparison. Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 34 establishes the content of the minimum requirements for MD&A. Please read the MD&A in conjunction with the District's financial statements, which follow this section.

USING THIS ANNUAL REPORT

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements. The basic financial statements include (1) combined fund financial statements and government-wide financial statements, and (2) notes to the financial statements. The combined fund financial statements and government-wide financial statements combine both (1) the Statement of Net Position and Governmental Funds Balance Sheet, and (2) the Statement of Activities and Governmental Fund Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance. This report also includes other supplemental information in addition to these basic financial statements.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The District's annual report includes two financial statements combining the government-wide financial statements and the fund financial statements. The government-wide portion of these statements provides both long-term and short-term information about the District's overall status. Financial reporting at this level uses a perspective similar to that found in the private sector with its basis in full accrual accounting and elimination or reclassification of internal activities.

The first of the government-wide financial statements is the Statement of Net Position. This statement is the District-wide statement of its financial position presenting information that includes all of the District's assets and liabilities, with the difference reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the District as a whole is improving or deteriorating. Evaluation of the overall health of the District would extend to other non-financial factors.

The government-wide portion of the Statement of Activities reports how the District's net position changed during the current fiscal year. All current revenues and expenses are included regardless of when cash is received or paid.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

Net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of the District's financial position. In the case of the District, assets exceeded liabilities by \$7,648,712 as of September 30, 2023.

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MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION & ANALYSIS
 SEPTEMBER 30, 2023
 (Continued)

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS (Continued)

Summary of Net Position
 September 30,

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Current assets	\$ 3 582 711	\$ 3 098 600
Noncurrent assets	231 000	-
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	<u>6 550 308</u>	<u>6 095 783</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 10 364 019</u>	<u>\$ 9 194 383</u>
Deferred outflows of resources	<u>\$ 218 414</u>	<u>\$ 112 425</u>
Current liabilities	\$ 537 969	\$ 468 332
Long term liabilities	<u>2 379 601</u>	<u>2 717 812</u>
Total liabilities	<u>\$ 2 917 570</u>	<u>\$ 3 186 144</u>
Deferred inflows of resources	<u>\$ 16 151</u>	<u>\$ 133 229</u>
Net position:		
Net investment in capital assets	\$ 4 059 528	\$ 3 197 355
Unrestricted	<u>3 589 184</u>	<u>2 790 080</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ 7 648 712</u>	<u>\$ 5 987 435</u>

Summary of Changes in Net Position
 September 30,

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Revenues:		
Property taxes	\$ 2 074 666	\$ 1 511 973
Sales tax	4 166 529	3 350 166
Other revenues	<u>637 221</u>	<u>801 844</u>
Total Revenues	<u>6 878 416</u>	<u>5 663 983</u>
Expenses:		
Depreciation	599 381	402 238
Interest and fees	54 281	52 427
Expenses for services	<u>4 563 477</u>	<u>3 851 533</u>
Total Expenses	<u>5 217 139</u>	<u>4 306 198</u>
Change in net position	1 661 277	1 357 785
Net position, beginning of year	<u>5 987 435</u>	<u>4 629 650</u>
Net position, end of year	<u>\$ 7 648 712</u>	<u>\$ 5 987 435</u>

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MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION & ANALYSIS

SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

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FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE DISTRICT'S GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

The District's fund balance as of the end of the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023 was \$3,447,630.

FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The combined statements also include fund financial statements. A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The District has one governmental fund type. The General Fund accounts for property and sales tax revenues, costs, general expenditures, and resources not accounted for in another fund.

Governmental funds are reported in each of the financial statements. The focus in the fund statements provides a distinctive view of the District's governmental funds. These statements report short-term fiscal accountability focusing on the use of spendable resources and balances of spendable resources available at the end of the year. They are useful in evaluating annual financing requirements of the District and the commitment of spendable resources for the near-term.

Since the government-wide focus includes the long-term view, comparisons between these two perspectives may provide insight into the long-term impact of short-term financing decisions. The adjustments column and the Reconciliation of the Governmental Fund Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance explain the differences between the two presentations and assist in understanding the differences between these two perspectives.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The accompanying notes to the basic financial statements provide information essential to a full understanding of government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements follow the financial statements in this annual report.

OTHER INFORMATION

In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain required supplementary information ("RSI"). The budgetary comparison schedule is included as RSI for the General Fund.

GENERAL FUND BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

The Board of Commissioners did not amend the budget during the fiscal year. Actual excess of revenues over expenditures was \$745,898 more than the budgeted excess of revenues over expenditures because (1) the actual auto repairs and maintenance, debt service and capital expenditures for the District were greater than expected but offset by equipment repair and maintenance and payroll being less than expected, and (2) the actual property tax and sales tax revenues were greater than expected.

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**MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION & ANALYSIS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2023
(Continued)**

CAPITAL ASSETS AND RELATED DEBT

Capital Assets

Capital assets held by the District at the end of the current year is summarized below.

Capital Assets (Net of Accumulated Depreciation)

	<u>September 30,</u>	
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Land	\$ 119 954	\$ 119 954
Building and improvements	4 863 021	1 004 309
Office equipment	2 857	3 809
Vehicles	1 399 321	1 185 407
Equipment	165 155	157 603
Construction in progress	-	3 624 661
Total capital assets	<u>\$ 6 550 308</u>	<u>\$ 6 095 743</u>

Debt

The changes in the debt position of the District during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023 are summarized as follows:

Notes Payable, beginning of year	\$ 2 898 428
Note Proceeds	-
Retirements of principal	<u>(407 648)</u>
Notes Payable, end of year	<u>\$ 2 490 780</u>

CONTACTING THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the District's finances for anyone with an interest in the government's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional information should be addressed to Montgomery County ESD 9, 16723 FM 2090, Conroe, Texas 77306, telephone (936) 231-3527.

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**STATEMENT OF NET POSITION AND GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET
SEPTEMBER 30, 2023**

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Adjustments</u>	<u>Statement of Net Position</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>			
Cash	\$ 3 037 032	\$ -	\$ 3 037 032
Property Taxes Receivable	182 688	-	182 688
Sales Tax Receivable	282 621	-	282 621
Prepaid Expense	80 370	-	80 370
Lease Receivable	231 000	-	231 000
Capital Assets			
Land	-	119 954	119 954
Property and Equipment (Net of Accumulated Depreciation of \$5,893,435)	-	<u>6 430 354</u>	<u>6 430 354</u>
Total Assets	<u>3 813 711</u>	<u>6 550 308</u>	<u>10 364 019</u>
<u>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</u>			
Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>218 414</u>	-	<u>218 414</u>
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>218 414</u>	-	<u>218 414</u>
Total Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>\$ 4 032 125</u>	<u>\$ 6 550 308</u>	<u>\$ 10 582 433</u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>			
Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	\$ 17 069	\$ 41 134	\$ 58 203
Payroll Liabilities	17 357	-	17 357
Net Pension Liability	120 230	-	120 230
Unearned Lease Revenue	231 000	-	231 000
Long Term Liabilities			
Due within One Year	-	111 179	111 179
Due after One Year	-	<u>2 379 601</u>	<u>2 379 601</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>385 656</u>	<u>2 531 914</u>	<u>2 917 570</u>
<u>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</u>			
Deferred Inflows of Resources	16 151	-	16 151
Deferred Property Tax Revenues	<u>182 688</u>	<u>(182 688)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>198 839</u>	<u>(182 688)</u>	<u>16 151</u>
<u>FUND BALANCE/NET POSITION</u>			
Unassigned Fund Balance	<u>3 447 630</u>	<u>(3 447 630)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Fund Balance	<u>3 447 630</u>	<u>(3 447 630)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 4 032 125</u>		
Net Position			
Net Investment in Capital Assets		4 059 528	4 059 528
Unrestricted		<u>3 589 184</u>	<u>3 589 184</u>
Total Net Position		<u>7 648 712</u>	<u>7 648 712</u>
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Net Position		<u>\$ 6 550 308</u>	<u>\$ 10 582 433</u>

See the accompanying Independent Auditors' Report and Notes to Financial Statements

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**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND GOVERNMENTAL REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023**

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Adjustments</u>	Statement of <u>Activities</u>
Revenues			
Property Tax Revenues	\$ 2 028 961	\$ 45 705	\$ 2 074 666
Sales Tax Revenues	4 166 529	-	4 166 529
Penalty and Interest Revenues	36 021	-	36 021
Reimbursement Revenues	177 826	-	177 826
Contract Revenues	311 850	-	311 850
Interest Revenue	77 638	-	77 638
Gain Sale of Assets	26 606	-	26 606
Miscellaneous Revenues	<u>7 280</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7 280</u>
Total Revenues	<u>6 832 711</u>	<u>45 705</u>	<u>6 878 416</u>
Expenses			
Service Operations			
Accounting	5 650	-	5 650
Appraisal District Fees	14 419	-	14 419
Attorney Fee - Tax Revenue	10 804	-	10 804
Audit	14 276	-	14 276
Auto Repair/Maintenance	326 570	-	326 570
Building Repair/Maintenance	117 477	-	117 477
Collection Fees - Property Tax	8 334	-	8 334
Communication	133 651	-	133 651
Dues and Conferences	3 228	-	3 228
Equipment Repair/Maintenance	179 220	-	179 220
Fire Prevention Program	6 475	-	6 475
Fuel	68 788	-	68 788
Gear and Uniforms	87 177	-	87 177
Insurance	149 224	-	149 224
Legal Fees	1 026	-	1 026
Miscellaneous	15 396	-	15 396
Office and Printing	83 898	-	83 898
Other Professional Fees	6 745	-	6 745
Payroll and Related Expense	3 205 465	-	3 205 465
Telephone	35 261	-	35 261
Training	19 058	-	19 058
Utilities	71 335	-	71 335
Capital Outlay	1 053 906	(1 053 906)	-
Debt Service			
Note Payable Principal	407 648	(407 648)	-
Note payable Interest	61 782	(7 501)	54 281
Depreciation	<u>-</u>	<u>599 381</u>	<u>599 381</u>
Total Expenses	<u>6 086 813</u>	<u>(869 674)</u>	<u>5 217 139</u>
Excess(Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenses	745 898	915 379	
Change in Net Position			1 661 277
Fund Balance/Net Position			
Beginning of Year	<u>2 701 732</u>	<u>3 285 703</u>	<u>5 987 435</u>
End of Year	<u>\$ 3 447 630</u>	<u>\$ 4 201 082</u>	<u>\$ 7 648 712</u>

See the accompanying Independent Auditors' Report and Notes to Financial Statements

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

NOTE (1) CREATION OF DISTRICT

After a merger between Montgomery County Emergency Services District No. 9 and Montgomery County Emergency Services District No. 5, a new entity was formed on June 9, 2015 under the name Montgomery County ESD 9 (the District). The District operates under Chapter 775, *Health and Safety Code*, of the Constitution of Texas. The District was established to protect life and property from fire and to conserve natural and human resources to a portion of Montgomery County.

NOTE (2) SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the District have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the standard-setting body for governmental accounting and financial reporting. The more significant accounting policies of the District are described below.

A. REPORTING ENTITY

The District is an Emergency Services District with a five-member board of commissioners, who are appointed by the Montgomery County Commissioners Court. The Commissioners are appointed to serve two-year terms.

The District follows the standards promulgated by GASB Statement No. 14, *The Financial Reporting Entity*, and GASB Statement No. 39, *Determining Whether Certain Organizations are Component Units*, to define the reporting entity. The financial statements include all operations over which the District is financially accountable. The District is not a participant in any joint venture and has not identified any entities which would be components units of the District.

The District is a special-purpose government that is governed by a separately appointed governing body. It is legally separate and fiscally independent of other state and local governments. The accompanying financial statements present the activities of the District.

B. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The financial transactions of the District are recorded in an individual fund. The funds are accounted for by providing a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, reserves, fund equity, revenues and expenditures. The funds are reported by generic classification within the financial statements.

The District uses the following fund type:

a. Governmental Funds

General Fund - To account for all revenues and expenditures not required to be accounted for in other funds.

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**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2023
(Continued)**

NOTE (2) SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

b. Fund Balances

The District has implemented GASB Statement No. 54, *Fund Balance Reporting and Government Fund Type Definitions*. This Statement provides more clearly defined fund balance categories to make the nature and extent of the constraints place on a government's fund balances more transparent. The following classifications describe the relative strength of the spending constraints:

- Nonspendable fund balance – amounts that are not in spendable form (such as inventory) or are required to be maintained intact.
- Restricted fund balance – amounts constrained to specific purposes by their providers (such as grantors, bondholders, and higher levels of government), through constitutional provisions, or by enabling legislation.
- Committed fund balance – amounts constrained to specific purposes by the District itself, using its highest level of decision-making authority (i.e., board of commissioners). To be reported as committed, amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the District takes the same highest level of action to remove or change the constraint.
- Assigned fund balance – amounts the District intends to use for specific purposes. Intent can be expressed by the board of commissioners or by an official or body to which the board of commissioners delegates the authority.
- Unassigned fund balance – amounts that are available for any purpose.

The District uses the following classifications for net position:

Net Investment in Capital Assets – To indicate the value of capital invested in capital assets less accumulated depreciation, net of associated debt.

Restricted – To indicate the funds restricted within the General Fund for the purposes of contingencies or emergencies. The Board must approve any changes in the restriction of this fund balance.

Unrestricted – To indicate net position that is available for use in future periods.

C. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

All Governmental Funds are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recorded in the accounting period in which they become available and measurable. "Available" means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. Expenditures are recognized in the period in which the fund liability is incurred, if measurable. The exception to this general rule is that principal and interest on general obligation long-term debt is recognized when due.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2023
(Continued)

NOTE (2) SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

C. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING (Continued)

The District has adopted GASB Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements and management's Discussion and Analysis for State and Local Governments*. In compliance with GASB Statement No. 34, the District has presented a Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities for the year ended September 30, 2023. These statements are presented on an accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recorded in the period they are earned, and expenses are recorded in the period they are incurred. The "Adjustments" column on these statements represents tax revenues adjusted to reflect an accrual basis rather than a modified accrual basis of accounting. All fund balances are adjusted to reflect net position.

D. BUDGET

The District annually adopts a budget for the General Fund in accordance with the accounting principles applicable to this fund. The Board of Commissioner's approval is required for revisions that alter the total expenditures. Reported budgeted amounts are as final adopted. Budgeted amounts lapse annually.

E. CASH EQUIVALENTS

The District considers all highly liquid debt instruments purchased with a maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

F. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets, which include land, buildings and equipment, are reported in the government-wide Statement of Net Position. All capital assets are valued at historical cost or estimated historical cost if actual historical cost is not available. Donated assets are valued at their fair market value on the date donated. Repairs and maintenance are recorded as expenditures in the governmental fund as incurred and as an expense in the government-wide Statement of Activities. Capital asset additions, improvements and preservation costs that extend the life of an asset are capitalized and depreciated over the estimated useful life of the asset. Land is not a depreciable asset.

Depreciation is calculated on each class of depreciable property using no salvage value and the straight-line method of depreciation. Estimated useful lives are as follows:

	<u>Years</u>
Buildings and improvements	6-30
Furniture and equipment	7
Vehicles	5-15

G. LEASES

In June 2017, the GASB issued GASB Statement No. 87, *Leases*, effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2021, with early adoption permitted.

The adoption of the new standard will have a material impact on its statement of net position for the recognition of lease receivable and unearned lease revenue for its operating lease. See Note 10.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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 (Continued)

NOTE (2) SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

H. USE OF ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

I. ALLOWANCE FOR UNCOLLECTIBLE ACCOUNTS

Management considers property and sales taxes receivable to be fully collectible at year-end; accordingly, no allowance for doubtful accounts is required.

J. RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENT-WIDE AND FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position and Governmental Fund Balance Sheet are different because of the following:

Total Fund Balance at September 30, 2023	<u>\$ 3 447 630</u>
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial and are not reported in the funds	6 550 308
Conversion of property tax assessments to full accrual basis	182 688
Interest paid on long term debt is adjusted to accrual basis	(41 134)
Note payable obligations are not due and payable in the current period and are not reported in the funds	<u>(2 490 780)</u>
Adjustment to fund balance to arrive at net position	<u>4 201 082</u>
Total Net Position at September 30, 2023	<u><u>\$ 7 648 712</u></u>

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because of the following:

Total excess of revenue over expenditures at September 30, 2023	\$ 745 898
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, for government-wide financials statements, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlay exceeded depreciation in the current period.	454 525
Interest paid on long term debt is adjusted to accrued basis	7 501
Principal payments on debt are reported as expenditures in the fund. However, they do not affect net position.	407 648
Conversion of property tax assessments to full accrual basis	<u>45 705</u>
Change in net position of governmental activities	<u><u>\$ 1 661 277</u></u>

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS SEPTEMBER 30, 2023 (Continued)

NOTE (3) AD VALOREM TAX

During the year ended September 30, 2023, the District levied an ad valorem tax at the rate of \$0.10 per \$100 of assessed valuation, which resulted in a tax levy of \$2,074,600 for the 2022 tax year, on the taxable valuation of \$2,074,599,649 for the 2022 tax year. The ad valorem tax was due upon receipt and was considered delinquent if not paid by February 1 of the subsequent year, at which time penalties and interest were assessed. The levy date of the tax was September 1, or as soon after September 1 as it took to set the tax rate. The lien date was January 1 of the subsequent year from the delinquent date.

In the governmental funds, property taxes are initially recorded as receivables and unearned revenue at the time the tax levy is billed. Revenues recognized during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023 include collections during the current period or within 60 days of year-end related to the 2022 and prior years' tax levies.

NOTE (4) DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

Custodial Credit Risk – Deposits

The contracted depository bank used for operations, payroll, sales tax, government capital, and property tax revenue by the District was First Financial Bank. The largest cash, savings, and time deposit combined account balance for First Financial Bank was \$4,652,925, which occurred in May 2023. The balances at First Financial Bank were insured by FDIC coverage up to \$250,000. Additional securities were pledged.

At the balance sheet date, deposits with a carrying value of \$3,037,032 were held by First Financial Bank, and funds were fully secured by FDIC coverage and pledged securities.

Investment Policies

Local governments are subject to the Public Funds Investment Act as amended during the 1995 legislative session. The Act directs local governments to adopt a written investment policy that primarily emphasizes safety of principal and liquidity. Also addressed under the Act are the areas of investment diversification, yield, maturity, and quality of investment management. The District has complied with the Act's provisions during its fiscal year ended September 30, 2023.

Statutes authorize the District to invest in direct or indirect obligations of the United States, the state, or any county, school district, or other political subdivision of the state. Funds of the District may also be placed in certificates of deposit of state or national banks or savings associations within the state. The District did not have any temporary investments during the year ended September 30, 2023.

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NOTE (5) CAPITAL ASSETS

The changes in capital assets for the year are as follows:

	Balances at Beginning of Year	Additions	Disposals	Depreciation Expense	Balances at End of Year
Land	\$ 119 954	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 119 954
Building and improvements	1 881 061	4 161 746	(100 952)	-	5 941 855
Office equipment	72 825	-	(58 539)	-	14 286
Vehicles	3 702 780	535 620	(46 517)	-	4 191 883
Equipment	2 587 937	49 194	(1 989 310)	-	647 821
	8 244 603	4 746 560	(2 195 318)	-	10 795 845
Less: accumulated depreciation	(5 893 435)	-	2 127 325	(599 381)	(4 365 491)
Net book value	2 351 168	4 746 560	(67 993)	(599 381)	6 430 354
Construction in progress	3 624 661	(3 624 661)	-	-	-
Totals	<u>\$ 6 095 783</u>	<u>\$ 1 121 899</u>	<u>\$ (67 993)</u>	<u>\$ (599 381)</u>	<u>\$ 6 550 308</u>

The District placed in service fire station no. 81 with a new security system, parking canopy, breathing air system compressor and fence, four utility vehicles, one tanker, and a stage compressor with fill station during the year ended September 30, 2023. The District did not have any construction in progress at September 30, 2023. The District disposed of a vehicle, a mobile home, and various fully depreciated items that are no longer in use.

NOTE (6) NOTES PAYABLE

On September 26, 2019, the District entered into a promissory note and security agreement with an interest rate of 2.94% with Government Capital Corporation. The note was transferred to TIB National Association. Principal and interest payments of \$80,170 are due annually beginning February 5, 2020 through February 5, 2026. The note is secured by an apparatus. The proceeds were used to make payments towards two capital leases and purchase several self-contained breathing apparatuses. The balance on the note at October 1, 2022 was \$298,428. During the year ended September 30, 2023, the District paid \$298,428 in principal and \$15,138 in interest. The balance on the note was \$0 at September 30, 2023.

On October 29, 2021, the District entered into a promissory note and security agreement with an interest rate of 1.794% with Government Capital Corporation for \$2,600,000. The note was transferred to TIB National Association. Principal and interest payments of \$155,864 are due annually beginning October 29, 2022 through October 29, 2041. The note is secured by ad valorem tax revenues. The proceeds were used to construct new fire station no. 81. The balance on the note at October 1, 2022 was \$2,600,000. During the year ended September 30, 2023, the District paid \$109,220 in principal and \$46,644 in interest. The balance on the note was \$2,490,780 at September 30, 2023.

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NOTE (6) NOTES PAYABLE (Continued)

Future maturities of the balance outstanding are as follows:

<u>Year Ending</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
September 30, 2024	\$ 111 179	\$ 44 685
September 30, 2025	113 174	42 690
September 30, 2026	115 204	40 660
September 30, 2027	117 271	38 593
September 30, 2028	119 375	36 489
September 30, 2029-2033	629 779	149 542
September 30, 2034-2038	688 332	90 988
September 30, 2039-2042	<u>596 466</u>	<u>26 989</u>
	<u>\$ 2 490 780</u>	<u>\$ 470 636</u>

NOTE (7) DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN

The District offers its employees a deferred compensation plan created in accordance with Internal Revenue Service Code, Section 457. The plan permits employees to defer a portion of their salary until future years. The deferred compensation is not available to employees until retirement, termination, death, or unforeseeable emergencies. Federal law requires all assets and income of Section 457 plans to be held in trust, custodial accounts, or annuity contracts for the exclusive benefit of the participants and their beneficiaries. The District's deferred compensation plan is administered by a private corporation under contract with the District. During the year ended September 30, 2023, the District contributed \$69,607 (3% of payroll) to the plan.

NOTE (8) RETIREMENT PLAN

Plan Description

The District contributes to the Texas County & District Retirement System (TCDRS) which is a statewide, agent multiple-employer, public employee retirement system. All full and part-time non-temporary employees participate in the Plan, regardless of the number of hours they work in a year. Employees in a temporary position are not eligible for membership.

Note that the GASB 68 Report for TCERS furnished by Milliman to the District for the year ended September 30, 2023 was based on the evaluation date of December 31, 2022. This is due to the difference in dates between the District fiscal year end and Milliman annual evaluation.

Employee membership data related to the Plan, as of September 30, 2023 based on December 31, 2022 evaluation was as follows:

Inactive employees entitled to but not yet receiving benefits	41
Active plan members	<u>70</u>
	<u>111</u>

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS SEPTEMBER 30, 2023 (Continued)

NOTE (8) RETIREMENT PLAN (Continued)

Any participant over 60 years old, with 8 or more years of continuous employment, or any participant with 20 or more years of continuous employment, or any participant whose years of continuous employment, when added to the participant's age equals or exceeds 75, may retire without a reduction in the monthly benefit.

By law, employee accounts earn 7% interest on beginning of year balances annually. At retirement, the account is matched at an employer set percentage (current match is 100%) and is then converted to an annuity.

Plan provisions include death benefits for the surviving spouse if the employee had 4 or more years of service. The Plan provides a monthly income for disabled participants who have 5 or more years of service. Benefits vest at 100% after five years of service.

Generally, plan participants earn TCDRS service time for every month a deposit is made into a TCDRS account. The plan also allows to earn service time for military service performed at any time before working for the District. There are no automatic cost-of-living adjustments (COLAs). Each year, the District may elect an ad hoc COLA for its retirees (if any). There are two COLA types, each limited by actual inflation. Benefit terms are established under the TCDRS Act. They may be amended as of January 1 each year, but must remain in conformity with the Act.

For the year ended September 30, 2023, the District's total payroll for all employees was \$2,778,662. Total covered payroll was \$2,450,449, based on TCDRS December 31, 2022 evaluation. Covered payroll refers to all compensation paid by the District to active employees covered by the Plan and was calculated by the actuary based on contributions as reported to the Plan.

Contributions

Employees of the District are required to contribute 7% of covered compensation to the Plan. The contributions are deducted from the employee's wages or salary and remitted by the District to the Plan on a monthly basis. The District's contribution rate is based on the TCDRS funding policy adopted by the TCDRS Board of Trustees and must conform with the TCDRS Act. The District's contractually required contribution rate for the year ended December 31, 2022 was 4.50% of annual payroll, actuarially determined as an amount that, when combined with employee contributions, is expected to finance the costs of benefits earned by employees during the year, with an additional amount to finance any unfunded accrued liability. The District's contributions to the Plan for the year ended September 30, 2023 were \$123,286, but \$110,270, based on TCDRS December 31, 2022 evaluation.

Pension Assets, Pension Expense, Deferred Outflows of Resources, and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

For the year ended September 30, 2023, the District reported a liability of \$120,230 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of December 31, 2022, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The District's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the District's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating entities, actuarially determined. At September 30, 2023, the District's proportion was 4.91%.

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NOTE (8) RETIREMENT PLAN (Continued)

For the year ended September 30, 2023, the District recognized net pension expense of \$70,328. At September 30, 2023, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Inflows of Resources	Deferred Outflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual results	\$ 14 564	\$ 79 612
Changes of assumptions	1 587	65 186
Net difference between projected and actual earnings	-	73 616
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	N/A	Employer determined
Total	\$ 16 151	\$ 218 414

Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

<u>Year ending December 31,</u>	
2023	\$ 25 750
2024	30 375
2025	31 480
2026	58 303
2027	18 064
Thereafter	38 291

Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability in the December 31, 2022 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	2.50%
Salary increases	Varies by age and service. 4.7% average over career including inflation.
Investment rate of return	7.50%, net of administrative and investment expenses, including inflation.

135% of the Pub-2010 General Retirees Table for males and 120% of the Pub-2010 General Retirees for females, both projected with 100% of the MP-2021 Ultimate scale after 2010.

The actuarial assumptions used in the December 31, 2022 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period January 1, 2017-December 31, 2020. As a result of the 2020 actuarial experience study, the expectation of life after disability was adjusted in the December 31, 2022 actuarial valuation to more closely reflect actual experience.

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NOTE (8) RETIREMENT PLAN (Continued)

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined by adding expected long-term real returns and reflecting expected volatility and correlation. The capital market assumptions and information shown below are provided by the Plan’s investment consultant, Cliffwater, LLC. The numbers shown are based on January 2023 information for a 10-year time horizon.

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Geometric Real Rate of Return (Expected Minus Inflation)
US Equities	11.50%	4.95%
Private Equity	25.00%	7.95%
Global Equities	2.50%	4.95%
International Equities - Developed	5.00%	4.95%
International Equities - Emerging	6.00%	4.95%
Investment - Grade Bonds	3.00%	2.40%
Strategic Credit	9.00%	3.39%
Direct Lending	16.00%	6.95%
Distressed Debt	4.00%	7.60%
REIT Equities	2.00%	4.15%
Master Limited Partnerships	2.00%	5.30%
Private Real Estate Partnerships	6.00%	5.70%
Hedge Funds	6.00%	2.90%
Cash Equivalents	<u>2.00%</u>	0.20%
	<u>100.00%</u>	

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.60%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that employee contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that contributions from employers will be made at contractually required rates, actuarially determined. Based on those assumptions, the Plan’s fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current active, inactive, and retired employees. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on Plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE (8) RETIREMENT PLAN (Continued)

Changes in District's Net Pension Liability/(Asset)

Changes in the District's net pension liability/(asset) for the year ended September 30, 2023 was as follows:

	Increase/(Decrease)		
	Total Pension Liability	Plan Fiduciary Net Position	Net Pension Liability/(Asset)
	(a)	(b)	(a) - (b)
Balances as of December 31, 2021	\$ 1 188 935	\$ 1 238 814	\$ (49 879)
Changes for the year:			
Service cost	234 206	-	234 206
Interest on total pension liability	107 674	-	107 674
Effect of Plan changes	-	-	-
Effect of economic/demographic gains or losses	52 517	-	52 517
Effect of assumptions changes or inputs	-	-	-
Refund of contributions	(12 981)	(12 981)	-
Benefit payments	-	-	-
Administrative expenses	-	(850)	850
Member contributions	-	171 531	(171 531)
Net investment income	-	(95 546)	95 546
Employer contributions	-	110 270	(110 270)
Other	-	38 883	(38 883)
Balances as of December 31, 2022	\$ 1 570 351	\$ 1 450 121	\$ 120 230

Sensitivity of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the District's net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.60%, as well as what the District's net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (6.60%) or 1-percentage-point higher (8.60%) than the current rate:

	Net Pension	
	Discount Rate	Liability/(Asset)
1% Decrease	6.60%	\$ 508 520
Current Discount Rate	7.60%	\$ 120 230
1% Increase	8.60%	\$ (180 835)

Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about the Plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued Plan financial report.

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**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE (8) RETIREMENT PLAN (Continued)

Payable to the Plan

At September 30, 2023, the District did not have a payable to the Plan.

NOTE (9) SALES TAX REVENUES

Effective October 1, 2007, the residents of the District authorized the District to impose a 2% sales tax where eligible within the District. During the year ended September 30, 2023, the District earned \$4,166,529 in sales tax revenue.

NOTE (10) HOUSING AGREEMENT

On July 23, 2021 the District entered into an agreement with Montgomery County Hospital District (MCHD). The term of the agreement is 20 years. The District agrees to lease 2,148 square feet of crew housing space and one apparatus bay for \$1,000 receivable in advance on the first day of each month. The agreement shall automatically renew and be extended for successive 12-month terms unless one of the parties provides written notice of termination at least 90 days before the expiration of the then current term. Payments on this lease did not commence until January 1, 2023 when the construction was complete on the new fire station where the leased facilities are located. Lease income is included in contract revenues.

The following is an analysis of the maturity of the undiscounted operating lease payments to be received:

Year ending September 30,

2024	\$ 12 000
2025	12 000
2026	12 000
2027	12 000
2028	12 000
2029-2033	60 000
2034-2038	60 000
2039-2043	<u>51 000</u>
	<u>\$ 231 000</u>

In addition, MCHD agrees to pay the District a one-time contribution payment of \$600,000 towards the construction cost of fire station no. 81. MCHD shall pay 50% to the District before October 31, 2021 with the remainder due at the time of completion and acceptance of the District's new facility. The new station will remain the property of the District. During the year ended September 30, 2023 \$300,000 was received from MCHD and is included in contract revenues.

NOTE (11) SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Management has evaluated subsequent events through March 12, 2024, (the date the financial statements were available to be issued) and concluded no subsequent events have occurred that would require recognition in the financial statements or disclosure in the notes to the financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE –
 BUDGET AND ACTUAL
 GENERAL FUND
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

	Original and Final Budget*	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Revenues			
Property Tax Revenues	\$ 1 594 705	\$ 2 028 961	\$ 434 256
Sales Tax Revenues	3 316 649	4 166 529	849 880
Penalty and Interest Revenues	-	36 021	36 021
Reimbursement Revenues	212 000	177 826	(34 174)
Contract Revenues	312 000	311 850	(150)
Interest Income	10 000	77 638	67 638
Miscellaneous Revenues	4 500	33 886	29 386
Total Revenues	<u>5 449 854</u>	<u>6 832 711</u>	<u>1 382 857</u>
Expenses			
Accounting	10 000	5 650	4 350
Appraisal District Fees	9 000	14 419	(5 419)
Attorney Fee - Tax Collection	-	10 804	(10 804)
Audit	16 000	14 276	1 724
Auto Repair/Maintenance	190 000	326 570	(136 570)
Building Repair/Maintenance	100 000	117 477	(17 477)
Collection Fees - Property Tax	2 500	8 334	(5 834)
Communication	157 500	133 651	23 849
Dues and Conferences	7 000	3 228	3 772
Equipment Repair/Maintenance	370 864	179 220	191 644
Fire Prevention Program	7 500	6 475	1 025
Fuel	75 000	68 788	6 212
Gear and Uniforms	98 000	87 177	10 823
Insurance	130 000	149 224	(19 224)
Legal Fees	10 000	1 026	8 974
Miscellaneous	33 000	15 396	17 604
Office and Printing	87 000	83 898	3 102
Other Professional Fees	-	6 745	(6 745)
Payroll	3 451 784	3 205 465	246 319
Telephone	30 000	35 261	(5 261)
Training	48 000	19 058	28 942
Utilities	51 400	71 335	(19 935)
Capital Outlay	485 000	1 053 906	(568 906)
Capital Lease Principal	69 357	407 648	(338 291)
Capital Lease Interest	10 949	61 782	(50 833)
Total Expenses	<u>5 449 854</u>	<u>6 086 813</u>	<u>(636 959)</u>
Excess(Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures	-	745 898	745 898
Fund Balance/Net Position			
Beginning of year	<u>2 701 732</u>	<u>2 701 732</u>	<u>-</u>
End of year	<u>\$ 2 701 732</u>	<u>\$ 3 447 630</u>	<u>\$ 745 898</u>

* Budget was not amended during the year. Therefore, the original budget is the same as the final budget.

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REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN NET PENSION LIABILITY/(ASSET) AND RELATED RATIOS

	<u>Year Ended December 31</u>		
	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Total Pension Liability			
Service cost	\$ 234 206	\$ 209 814	\$ 179 954
Interest on total pension liability	107 674	81 407	58 429
Effect of plan changes	-	-	-
Effect of assumption changes or inputs	-	8 161	84 794
Effect of economic/demographic (gains) or losses	52 517	28 683	(1 872)
Benefit payments/refunds of contributions	<u>(12 981)</u>	<u>(896)</u>	<u>(1 817)</u>
Net change in total pension liability	381 416	327 169	319 488
Total pension liability, beginning	<u>1 188 936</u>	<u>861 767</u>	<u>542 279</u>
Total pension liability, ending	<u>1 570 352</u>	<u>1 188 936</u>	<u>861 767</u>
 Fiduciary Net Position			
Employer contributions	110 270	60 921	58 062
Member contributions	171 531	144 380	131 104
Investment income net of investment expenses	(95 546)	204 590	59 535
Benefit payments/refunds of contributions	(12 981)	(896)	(1 817)
Administrative expenses	(850)	(670)	(603)
Other	<u>38 883</u>	<u>6 018</u>	<u>5 601</u>
Net change in fiduciary net position	211 307	414 343	251 882
Fiduciary net position, beginning	<u>1 238 815</u>	<u>824 472</u>	<u>572 590</u>
Fiduciary net position, ending	<u>1 450 122</u>	<u>1 238 815</u>	<u>824 472</u>
 Net pension liability/(asset), ending	<u>\$ 120 230</u>	<u>\$ (49 879)</u>	<u>\$ 37 295</u>
 Fiduciary net position as a % of total pension liability/(asset)	92.34%	104.20%	95.67%
 Pensionable covered payroll	\$ 2 450 449	\$ 2 062 569	\$ 1 872 920
 Net pension liability/(asset) as a % of covered payroll	4.91%	-2.42%	1.99%

See Independent Auditors' Report.

<u>Year Ended December 31</u>						
<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
\$ 171 766	\$ 158 986	\$ 139 786	\$ 20 809	N/A	N/A	N/A
42 857	28 148	13 077	826	N/A	N/A	N/A
-	-	-	-	N/A	N/A	N/A
-	-	(2 949)	-	N/A	N/A	N/A
(17 650)	(2 417)	21 127	18	N/A	N/A	N/A
(23 601)	(8 504)	-	-	N/A	N/A	N/A
<u>173 372</u>	<u>176 213</u>	<u>171 041</u>	<u>21 653</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>
<u>368 907</u>	<u>192 694</u>	<u>21 653</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>
<u>542 279</u>	<u>368 907</u>	<u>192 694</u>	<u>21 653</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>
53 832	50 874	52 279	7 602	N/A	N/A	N/A
123 554	114 507	111 572	16 223	N/A	N/A	N/A
58 248	(1 904)	6 166	-	N/A	N/A	N/A
(23 601)	(8 504)	-	-	N/A	N/A	N/A
(436)	(286)	(131)	-	N/A	N/A	N/A
<u>5 344</u>	<u>4 694</u>	<u>2 196</u>	<u>361</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>
<u>216 941</u>	<u>159 381</u>	<u>172 082</u>	<u>24 186</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>
<u>355 649</u>	<u>196 268</u>	<u>24 186</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>
<u>572 590</u>	<u>355 649</u>	<u>196 268</u>	<u>24 186</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>
<u>\$ (30 311)</u>	<u>\$ 13 258</u>	<u>\$ (3 574)</u>	<u>\$ (2 533)</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>
105.59%	96.41%	101.85%	111.70%	N/A	N/A	N/A
\$ 1 765 051	\$ 1 635 819	\$ 1 593 881	231 760	N/A	N/A	N/A
-1.72%	0.81%	-0.22%	-1.09%	N/A	N/A	N/A

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REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

SCHEDULE OF EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS

Year Ending December 31	Actuarially Determined Contribution	Actual Employer Contribution	Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	Pensionable Covered Payroll	Actual Contribution as a % of Covered Payroll
2013					
2014					
2015					
2016	\$ 7 602	\$ 7 602	\$ -	\$ 231 760	3.30%
2017	52 279	52 279	-	1 593 881	3.30%
2018	50 874	50 874	-	1 635 819	3.10%
2019	53 832	53 832	-	1 765 051	3.05%
2020	58 062	58 062	-	1 872 920	3.10%
2021	60 846	60 921	(75)	2 062 569	3.00%
2022	110 270	110 270	-	2 450 449	4.50%

NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

NOTE (1) VALUATION DATE

Actuarially determined contribution rates are calculated each December 31, two years prior to the end of the fiscal year in which contributions are reported.

NOTE (2) METHODS AND ASSUMPTIONS USED TO DETERMINE CONTRIBUTION RATES

Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age
Amortization Method	Level percentage of payroll, closed
Remaining Amortization Period	18.4 years (based on contribution rate calculated in 12/31/22 valuation)
Asset Valuation Method	5-year smoothed market
Inflation	2.50%
Salary Increases	Varies by age and service. 4.7% average over career including inflation.
Investment Rate of Return	7.50%, net of investment expenses, including inflation
Retirement Age	Members who are eligible for service retirement are assumed to commence receiving benefit payments based on age. The average age at service retirement for recent retirees is 61.
Mortality	135% of the Pub-2010 General Retirees Table for males and 120% of the Pub-2010 General Retirees for females, both projected with 100% of the MP-2021 Ultimate scale after 2010.
Changes in Plan Provisions Reflected in the Schedule	2015-2016: No changes in plan provisions were reflected in the Schedule. 2017: New Annuity Purchase Rates were reflected for benefits earned after 2017. 2018-2022: No changes in plan provisions were reflected in the Schedule.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

ANALYSIS OF TAXES RECEIVABLE
SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

Taxes Receivable - Beginning of Year	\$ 136 983
2022 Tax Roll	2 074 638
Adjustments to prior year taxes	<u>28</u>
Total to be Accounted for	<u>2 211 649</u>
2022 Tax Collections Received from Tax Collector	2 004 280
Prior-Year Collections Received from Tax Collector	<u>24 681</u>
Total Tax Collections	<u>2 028 961</u>
Taxes Receivable - End of Year	<u>\$ 182 688</u>
Taxes Receivable - By Years	
2022	\$ 73 638
2021	26 180
2020	20 000
2019	10 697
2018	13 114
2017 and prior	<u>39 059</u>
Taxes Receivable - End of Year	<u>\$ 182 688</u>

Assessed Valuation Summary

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Property Valuations					
Real Property	\$ 1 689 996 655	\$1 170 831 410	\$1 003 151 380	\$ 827 813 929	\$ 762 810 753
Personal Property	<u>384 641 294</u>	<u>341 545 809</u>	<u>339 223 341</u>	<u>328 636 558</u>	<u>307 979 371</u>
Total Property Valuations	<u>\$ 2 074 637 949</u>	<u>\$1 512 377 219</u>	<u>\$ 1 342 374 721</u>	<u>\$1 156 450 487</u>	<u>\$ 1 070 790 124</u>
Tax Rate per \$100 Valuations	<u>\$ 0.10000</u>	<u>\$ 0.10000</u>	<u>\$ 0.10000</u>	<u>\$ 0.10000</u>	<u>\$ 0.10000</u>
Tax Rolls	<u>\$ 2 074 638</u>	<u>\$ 1 512 377</u>	<u>\$ 1 342 375</u>	<u>\$ 1 156 450</u>	<u>\$ 1 070 790</u>
Percent of Taxes Collected to Taxes Levied	<u>96.5%</u>	<u>98.7%</u>	<u>99.0%</u>	<u>99.5%</u>	<u>99.4%</u>

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY ESD 9

**BOARD MEMBERS AND CONSULTANTS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2023**

District Mailing Address: Montgomery County ESD 9
16723 FM 2090
Conroe, Texas 77306

District Telephone Number: (936) 231-3527

<u>Names</u>	<u>Term of office (Elected or Appointed) or Date Hired</u>	<u>Fees of Office Paid * FYE 09/30/23</u>	<u>Expense Reimbursements FYE 09/30/23</u>	<u>Title at Year End</u>
<u>Board Members</u>				
Michael Zepeda	(Appointed) 01/22 - 12/23	\$ -	\$ -	President
Scott Guillote	(Appointed) 01/22 - 12/23	\$ -	\$ -	Vice President
Jamie Nash	(Appointed) 01/23 - 12/24 01/21 - 12/22	\$ -	\$ -	Secretary
Lois Lindgren	(Appointed) 01/23 - 12/24 01/21 - 12/22	\$ -	\$ -	Treasurer
Michael Lee	(Appointed) 01/23 - 12/24 01/21 - 12/22	\$ -	\$ -	Assistant Treasurer
<u>Consultants</u>				
Darden, Fowler and Creighton, LLP	2015	\$ 180	\$ -	Legal Counsel
Tammy McRae	2015	\$ 8 334	\$ -	Tax Collector
Breedlove & Co., P.C.	2016	\$ 14 276	\$ -	Auditor
Montgomery Central Appraisal District	2015	\$ 14 419	\$ -	Appraisal District
Julie Gilmer, CPA, PLLC	2019	\$ 5 550	\$ -	Bookkeeper
Gunda Corporation	2021	\$ 15 996	\$ -	Engineering Consultant
SLI Group, Inc.	2021	\$ 660 817	\$ -	Architecture, Engineering, Construction

* Fees of Office are the amounts actually paid to a commssioner/consultant during the district's fiscal year.

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