

AUSTIN COUNTY EMERGENCY
COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT

Financial Statements

with

Independent Auditors' Report

September 30, 2017

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Directors
Austin County Emergency Communications District

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Austin County Emergency Communications District, (the "District") as of and for the year ended September 30, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

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

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

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Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Austin County Emergency Communications District as of September 30, 2017, and the respective changes in financial position, and the respective budgetary comparison for the General Fund, for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, the schedule of changes in net pension liability and related ratios, and the schedule of contributions on pages 3 through 7 and pages 25 through 26, respectively, 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.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated February 7, 2018, on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Brenham, Texas
February 7, 2018





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**MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2017**

Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement 34 requires that management of the District present an analysis and discussion of the financial activities of the District.

Management will attempt to give a brief overview of the finances of the District.

Financial Highlights

In 2017, net position increased by \$13,075 resulting from total revenues of \$312,581 less expenses of \$299,506. In 2016, net position increased by \$10,429 resulting from total revenues of \$317,334 less expenses of \$307,717 and other financing uses of \$812.

As of September 30, 2017, the District's total assets were \$599,974 of which \$168,834 were capital assets. Its liabilities were \$19,442. As of September 30, 2016, the District's total assets were \$688,480 of which \$293,253 were capital assets. Its liabilities were \$123,946.

The District had net position as of September 30, 2017 of \$585,394 of which \$160,303 was the net investment in capital assets. The District had net position as of September 30, 2016 of \$572,319 of which \$179,529 was the net investment in capital assets.

Overview of the Financial Statements

The District's basic financial statements consist of government-wide financial statements, fund financial statements and the notes to the financial statements.

The government-wide financial statements, which are comprised of the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities, include all assets and liabilities using full accrual basis of accounting. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are taken into account regardless of when cash is received or paid.

The fund financial statements are reported using an accounting method called modified accrual accounting which measures cash and all other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash. The fund financial statements have a short-term focus and help you determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the District's activities.

Condensed Financial Information

Governmental Activities

	2016		2017
Current and Other Assets	\$ 395,229		\$ 425,695
Net pension asset	-		5,445
Capital Assets	293,253		168,834
<u>Total Assets</u>	688,482		599,974
Deferred outflows of resources	7,782		4,862
Other Liabilities	115,415		13,237
Long-term Liabilities	8,530		6,205
<u>Total Liabilities</u>	123,945		19,442
Net Position:			
Invested in Capital Assets, net of related debt	179,529		160,303
Unrestricted	392,790		425,091
<u>Total Net Position</u>	\$ 572,319		\$ 585,394
	Year Ended September 30, 2016		Year Ended September 30, 2017
Revenues			
Program Revenues:			
Customer Land Lines Fees	\$ 164,633		\$ 155,760
Customer Cellular Fees	148,326		151,013
Interest Earned	2,569		3,572
Gain on disposal of fixed asset	812		-
Miscellaneous	1,806		2,236
<u>Total Revenue</u>	318,146		312,581
Expenses			
Operations	198,757		191,151
Rural Addressing	4,758		2,047
Administration and Support	98,101		106,132
Debt Service- Interest	6,101		176
<u>Total Expenses</u>	307,717		299,506
Change in Net Position	10,429		13,075
Beginning Net Position	561,890		572,319
Ending Net Position	\$ 572,319		\$ 585,394

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

As indicated by the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance, revenues exceeded expenses by \$13,075. Some categories that show relatively significant variations will be addressed.

Revenue for cellular fees in 2016 was \$148,326. In 2017, revenue for cellular fees shows a budget amount of \$142,980 and an actual amount of \$151,013. The overage on this is mainly due to the fact that there are more cellular phones in use and we cannot predict the amounts that will be received for cellular fees. The revenue for land lines increased by \$8,873 from 2016 to 2017. This increase is mainly due to overall growth in the county and an increase in the number of land lines.

Total expenses in 2017 were \$299,506, a decrease of \$8,211 from 2016. Operations expenses and interest expenses decreased by \$7,606 and \$5,925, respectively, from 2016 to 2017. Administration and support increased by \$8,031 from 2016 to 2017.

CAPITAL ASSETS

The District owns capital assets in the form of office buildings, storage building, computer hardware and software, furniture and fixtures and automobiles. In 2017, capital assets had a value after depreciation of \$168,834. In 2016, capital assets had a value after depreciation of \$293,253.

DEBT

A lease agreement accounted for as a capital lease in the amount of \$8,531 was the debt obligation as of September 30, 2017. Lease agreements accounted for as capital leases in the amount of \$113,724 were the debt obligations as of September 30, 2016.

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET

Funding for the District is a process that is prescribed in the Health and Safety Chapter 772.304.

Potential use of retained funds by the District is to update office equipment and PSAP's computer and software.

A final designation for the funds is for disaster recovery. This would allow the District to continue operations in the event of an unforeseen disaster.

AUSTIN COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT
Statement of Net Position and
Governmental Funds Balance Sheet
September 30, 2017

	General Fund	Adjustments	Statement of Net Position
ASSETS			
Cash	\$ 223,468	\$ -	\$ 223,468
Certificates of deposit	166,146	-	166,146
Accounts receivable	23,237	-	23,237
Interest receivable	388	-	388
Prepaid expenses	-	12,456	12,456
Net pension asset	-	5,445	5,445
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	-	168,834	168,834
	<u>\$ 413,239</u>	<u>\$ 186,735</u>	<u>\$ 599,974</u>
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Deferred amounts related to pensions	-	4,862	4,862
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable	\$ 10,911	\$ -	\$ 10,911
Lease payable due in one year	-	2,326	2,326
Noncurrent liabilities			
Lease payable due in more than one year	-	6,205	6,205
Total Liabilities	<u>10,911</u>	<u>8,531</u>	<u>19,442</u>
FUND BALANCE/NET POSITION			
Fund balance:			
Unassigned	<u>402,328</u>	<u>(402,328)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total liabilities and fund balance	<u>\$ 413,239</u>		
Net position:			
Net investment in capital assets		160,303	160,303
Unrestricted		<u>425,091</u>	<u>425,091</u>
Total net position		<u>\$ 585,394</u>	<u>\$ 585,394</u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

AUSTIN COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT
 Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position
 Governmental Funds
 September 30, 2017

Fund Balances - total governmental funds	\$	402,328
<p>Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:</p>		
<p>Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the governmental funds:</p>		
Governmental capital assets	\$ 661,712	
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(492,878)</u>	168,834
<p>Long term liabilities are not due and payable in the current year and therefore are not reported in the governmental funds.</p>		
		(8,531)
<p>Prepaid items benefit future periods and are included as an asset on the Statement of Net Position.</p>		
		12,456
<p>Net pension assets and deferred outflows are not receivable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.</p>		
		10,307
 Net Position of Governmental Activities		 <u><u>\$ 585,394</u></u>

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AUSTIN COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT
Statement of Activities and
Governmental Fund Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and
Changes in Fund Balance
For the Year Ended September 30, 2017

	General Fund	Adjustments	Statement of Activities
Revenue:			
Customer land line fees	\$ 155,760	\$ -	\$ 155,760
Customer cellular fees	151,013	-	151,013
Interest earned	3,572	-	3,572
Miscellaneous	2,236	-	2,236
Total revenues	312,581	-	312,581
Expenditures:			
Current:			
Operations:			
Cellular phone companies	1,957	-	1,957
ANI / ALI network and services	32,697	-	32,697
DIR T1- Line	7,172	-	7,172
Equipment maintenance and repairs	16,902	-	16,902
Miscellaneous	15,843	(4,402)	11,441
Depreciation	-	120,982	120,982
Rural addressing expenses	2,047	-	2,047
Administration and support:			
Payroll	70,135	-	70,135
Retirement	5,905	(2,525)	3,380
Insurance	12,860	84	12,944
Office building expense	4,003	-	4,003
Office supplies	638	-	638
Professional fees	5,493	-	5,493
Miscellaneous	3,993	-	3,993
Depreciation	-	5,546	5,546
Capital outlay	2,109	(2,109)	-
Debt service - principal	105,194	(105,194)	-
Debt service - interest	5,969	(5,793)	176
Total expenditures	292,917	6,589	299,506
Net change in fund balance	19,664	(6,589)	-
Change in net position	-	-	13,075
Fund balance/net position:			
Beginning of the year	382,664	189,655	572,319
End of the year	<u>\$ 402,328</u>	<u>\$ 183,066</u>	<u>\$ 585,394</u>

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 Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in
 Fund Balances of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities
 For the Year Ended September 30, 2017

Net changes in Fund Balances - total governmental funds		\$ 19,664
<p>Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:</p> <p>Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities, the costs of these assets are depreciated over their estimated useful lives:</p>		
Expenditures for capital assets	\$ 2,109	
Less current year depreciation	<u>(126,528)</u>	(124,419)
Repayment of lease principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the Statement of Net Position.		105,194
Expenditures reported in the statement of activities are expensed once economic performance has occurred. In the Governmental funds expenditures are recognized when they are paid for.		12,636
Change in Net Assets of Governmental Activities		<u><u>\$ 13,075</u></u>

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AUSTIN COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT
General Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
Budget and Actual
For the Year Ended September 30, 2017

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual GAAP Basis	Variance with Final Budget Over (Under)
	Original	Final		
Revenue:				
Customer land line fees	\$ 154,476	\$ 154,476	\$ 155,760	\$ 1,284
Cellular fees	142,980	142,980	151,013	8,033
Interest earned	1,980	1,980	3,572	1,592
Miscellaneous	1,526	1,526	2,236	710
Total revenues	<u>300,962</u>	<u>300,962</u>	<u>312,581</u>	<u>11,619</u>
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Operations:				
Cellular phone companies	3,000	3,000	1,957	(1,043)
ANI/ALI network and services	33,624	33,624	32,697	(927)
DIR T1 Line	7,200	7,200	7,172	(28)
Equipment maintenance and repairs	143,482	138,262	16,902	(121,360)
Miscellaneous	9,286	14,506	15,843	1,337
Rural addressing	4,710	4,710	2,047	(2,663)
Administration and support:				
Payroll	75,500	74,810	70,135	(4,675)
Retirement	6,500	6,500	5,905	(595)
Insurance	13,620	14,310	12,860	(1,450)
Office building expense	6,840	6,840	4,003	(2,837)
Office supplies	2,242	2,242	638	(1,604)
Professional fees	5,680	5,680	5,493	(187)
Miscellaneous	32,873	33,073	3,993	(29,080)
Capital outlay	6,720	6,520	2,109	(4,411)
Debt service - principal and other long-term liabilities	-	-	105,194	105,194
Debt service - interest	-	-	5,969	5,969
Total expenditures	<u>351,277</u>	<u>351,277</u>	<u>292,917</u>	<u>(58,360)</u>
Net change in fund balance	(50,315)	(50,315)	19,664	69,979
Beginning fund balance	<u>382,664</u>	<u>382,664</u>	<u>382,664</u>	<u>-</u>
Ending fund balance	<u><u>\$ 332,349</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 332,349</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 402,328</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 69,979</u></u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

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1. Summary of significant accounting policies

The accompanying financial statements include all funds of Austin County Emergency Communications District. The accounting policies of Austin County Emergency Communications District conform to generally accepted accounting principles. The following is a summary of the more significant policies:

A. Reporting entity

The Austin County Emergency Communications District is incorporated as a political subdivision under the laws of the State of Texas and, as such, is exempt from federal and state taxation. The District was formed pursuant to a county wide election in 1987 at which the qualified electorate approved its formation. The District is governed by a seven member Board of Directors, two of which are appointed by Austin County, two by the municipalities of the County, one by the Austin County Firefighters Association and one by the Austin County Sherriff's Department. The seventh member is a non-voting member from AT&T. The District has no taxing authority and exists solely to provide emergency communications to the citizens of Austin County. The District is subject to regulation issued by the Public Utility Commission, and the Commission of State Emergency Communications. Due to the normal changing legal environments, regulations may change that would impact the District's operations.

B. Basis of presentation

Government-wide Financial Statements

The Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities display information about the reporting government as a whole. They include all funds of the reporting entity. The statements distinguish between governmental activities and business-type activities. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other nonexchange revenues. Business-type activities are financed in whole or in part by fees charged to external parties for goods or services. The District has no business-type activities.

Fund Financial Statements

Fund financial statements of the reporting entity are organized on the basis of funds, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues, and expenditures, as appropriate. Resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds

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based upon the purposes for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled. The various funds are grouped, in the financial statements in this report, as follows:

Governmental Funds

General Fund - The General Fund is the general operating fund of the District. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

C. Measurement focus and basis of accounting

Measurement Focus

On the government-wide Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities, the governmental activities are presented using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when the liability is incurred or economic asset used. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, and liabilities resulting from exchange and exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange takes place.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when measurable and available. Measurable means the amount of the transaction can be determined and available means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the government considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current period. Penalties and interest, and miscellaneous revenues are recorded when received in cash because they are generally not measurable until actually received. Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related fund liability is incurred. Exceptions to this general rule include payments on general long-term debt which are recognized when due.

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D. Capital assets

The accounting and reporting treatment applied to the fixed assets associated with a fund are determined by its measurement focus.

Government-wide Statements

In the government-wide financial statements, fixed assets are accounted for as capital assets valued at historical cost, except for donated fixed assets which are recorded at their estimated fair value at the time of donation.

Depreciation of all exhaustible fixed assets is recorded as an allocated expense in the Statement of Activities, with accumulated depreciation reflected in the Statement of Net Position. Depreciation is provided over the assets' estimated useful life using the straight-line method of depreciation. The range of estimated useful lives by type of asset is as follows.

Autos	5 years
Buildings	15 to 40 years
Equipment	5 to 10 years
Furniture and Fixtures	5 to 10 years
Hardware and Software	3 to 10 years

Fund Financial Statements

In the fund financial statements, fixed assets used in governmental fund operations are accounted for as capital outlay expenditures of the governmental fund upon acquisition.

E. Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

Budgets are generally adopted on a basis consistent with GAAP. The legal level of budgetary control is each general ledger account. Therefore, a budget amendment is required to increase the appropriations for any general ledger account.

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F. Fund equity

Government-wide statements

Equity is classified as net position and displayed in three components:

- a. Invested in capital assets, net of related debt – consists of capital assets including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.
- b. Restricted net position – consists of net position with constraints placed on the use either by (1) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (2) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- c. Unrestricted net position – all other net position that do not meet the definition of “restricted” or “invested in capital assets, net of related debt.”

Fund statements

Governmental fund equity is classified as fund balance.

Classification of fund balances

The *nonspendable* fund balance includes the portion of net resources that cannot be spent because of their form or because they must be maintained intact. Resources not in spendable form include supplies inventories and prepaid items, long-term advances to other funds net of deferred interest revenue, long-term receivable net of deferred interest revenue, nonfinancial assets held for resale, and unrealized change in the fair value of investments.

Some resources are spendable but are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. Such resources include the principal of an endowment.

The *restricted* fund balance includes net resources that can be spent only for the specific purposes stipulated by constitution, external resource providers (creditors, grantors, contributors), laws and regulations of other governments, or through enabling legislation. The enabling legislation authorizes the District to assess, levy, charge or otherwise mandate payment of resources from

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external resource providers; those resources can be used only for the specific purposes stipulated in the legislation.

The *committed* fund balance includes spendable net resources that can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal Board actions, no later than the close of the fiscal year. Those constraints remain binding unless removed or changed in the same manner employed to previously commit those resources.

The *assigned* fund balance includes amounts that are constrained by the District's intent to be used for specific purposes, but are neither restricted nor committed. Such intent should be expressed by the Board or its designated officials to assign amounts to be used for specific purposes, but are neither restricted nor committed. Constraints imposed on the use of assigned amounts can be removed with no formal Board actions. The assigned fund balance is only reported in the General Fund.

The *unassigned* fund balance represents spendable net resources that have not been restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purposes.

Spending Prioritization in Using Available Resources

When both restricted resources and other resources (i.e., committed, assigned, and unassigned) can be used for the same purpose, the District budget considers restricted resources to be spent first.

When committed, assigned, and unassigned resources can be used for the same purpose, the flow assumption in the District's budget is to spend in the sequence of committed resources first, assigned second, and unassigned last.

G. Pensions

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pension, and pension expense, information about the Fiduciary Net Position of the Texas County and District Retirement System (TCDRS) and additions to/deduction from TCDRS's Fiduciary Net Position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by TCDRS. For this purpose, plan contributions are recognized in the period that compensation is reported for the employee, which is when contributions are legally due. Benefit payments and refunds are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit term. Investments are reported at fair value.

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2. Deposits with financial institutions

Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, the District's deposits may not be returned to it. The District does not have a depository policy for custodial risk. As of September 30, 2017, deposits of the District are insured or collateralized with securities held by the District, its agent, or by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent in the name of the District.

3. Capital assets

A summary of changes in capital assets for the year ended September 30, 2017 follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Deletions	Ending Balance
Depreciable assets:				
Autos	\$ 25,388	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,388
Building	70,931	-	-	70,931
Equipment	177,043	2,109	-	179,152
Furniture & Fixtures	12,697	-	-	12,697
Hardware & Software	373,544	-	-	373,544
Total at historical cost	659,603	2,109	-	661,712
Less accumulated depreciaton for:				
Autos	8,886	5,078	-	13,964
Building	22,290	1,857	-	24,147
Equipment	146,833	10,019	-	156,852
Furniture & Fixtures	7,836	809	-	8,645
Hardware & Software	180,505	108,765	-	289,270
Total accumulated depreciation	366,350	126,528	-	492,878
Total capital assets, being depreciated, net	\$ 293,253	\$ (124,419)	\$ -	\$ 168,834

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Depreciation expense was charged to governmental functions as follows:

Operations	\$ 120,982
Administrative and support	<u>5,546</u>
Total Governmental Activities	<u><u>\$ 126,528</u></u>

4. Capital leases payable

The District entered into a lease agreement to finance the acquisition of a copier. This lease commitment qualifies as a capital lease for accounting purposes, and therefore has been recorded at the present value of the future minimum lease payments. The copier is recorded at \$11,760, the fair value of the leased asset at the inception of the lease. Accumulated depreciation on the copier totaled \$3,332 at September 30, 2017. The lease payable is due in monthly installments of \$205 through April 2021 and cannot be terminated early.

The following is a schedule of the future minimum lease payments under the capital leases and the net present value of the net minimum lease payments at September 30, 2017.

Fiscal year ending September 30		\$	
2018		2,460	
2019		2,460	
2020		2,460	
2021		<u>1,435</u>	
		8,815	
Less amount representing interest		<u>(284)</u>	
Present value of future minimum lease payments		8,531	
Less current portion		<u>2,326</u>	
Total present value of long-term portion of minimum lease payments		<u><u>\$ 6,205</u></u>	

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5. Changes in long-term liabilities

Long-term liability activity for the year ended September 30, 2017, was as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year
Copier	\$ 10,814	\$ -	\$ 2,283	\$ 8,531	\$ 2,326
Dispatch equipment	102,909	-	102,909	-	-
Long-Term Liabilities	<u>\$ 113,723</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 105,192</u>	<u>\$ 8,531</u>	<u>\$ 2,326</u>

6. Risk management

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The District maintains commercial insurance coverage covering each of those risks of loss. Management believes such coverage is sufficient to preclude any significant uninsured losses to the District. Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

7. Retirement Plan

Plan description

Beginning May 2016, the District provides retirement, disability, and death benefits for all of its employees through a nontraditional, defined benefit plan in the state-wide Texas County and District Retirement System (TCDRS). The Board of Trustees of TCDRS is responsible for the administration of the statewide agent multiple-employer public employee retirement system consisting of non-traditional defined benefit plans. TCDRS in the aggregate issues a comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR) on a calendar year basis. The CAFR is available upon written request from the TCDRS Board of Trustees at P.O. Box 2034, Austin, Texas 78768-2034.

The plan provisions are adopted by the governing body of the employer, within the options available in the Texas state statutes governing TCDRS (TCDRS Act). Members can retire at ages 60 and above with 5 or more years of service, with 20 years of service regardless of age, or when the sum of their age and years of service equals 80 or more. Members are vested after 5 years of service, but must leave their accumulated contributions in the plan to receive any employer-financed benefit. Members who

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withdraw their personal contributions in a lump sum are not entitled to any amounts contributed by their employer.

Benefit amounts are determined by the sum of the employee's contributions to the plan, with interest, and employer-financed monetary credits. The level of these monetary credits is adopted by the governing body of the employer within the actuarial constraints imposed by the TCDRS Act so that the resulting benefits can be expected to be adequately financed by the employer's commitment to contribute. At retirement, death, or disability, the benefit is calculated by converting the sum of the employee's accumulated contributions and the employer-financed monetary credits to a monthly annuity using annuity purchase rates prescribed by the TCDRS Act.

Funding Policy

The employer has elected the annually determined contribution rate plan provisions of the TCDRS Act. The plan is funded by monthly contributions from both employee members and the employer based on the covered payroll of employee members. Under the TCDRS Act, the contribution rate of the employer is actuarially determined annually. The employer's contribution rate was 9.06% for the calendar year 2016. The deposit rate payable by the employee members is the rate of 7% as adopted by the governing body of the employer. The employee contribution rate and the employer contribution may be changed by the governing body of the employer within the options available in the TCDRS Act.

Employees covered by benefit terms

At the December 31 actuarial valuation and measurement date, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

Inactive employees or beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	0
Inactive employees entitled to but not yet receiving benefits	0
Active employees	2

Net Pension Liability

The District's Net Pension Liability (NPL) was measured as of December 31, 2016, and the Total Pension Liability (TPL) used to calculate the Net Position Liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date.

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Actuarial assumptions:

The Total Pension Liability in the December 31, 2016 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions:

	December 31, 2016
Discount rate	8.10%
Long-term expected rate of return, net of investment expense	8.10%

The annual salary increase rates assumed for individual members vary by length of service and by entry-age group. The annual rates consist of a general wage inflation component of 3.5% (made up of 3.0% inflation and 0.5% productivity increase assumptions) and a merit, promotion and longevity component that on average approximates 1.4% per year for a career employment.

The long-term expected rate of return on TCDRS assets is determined by adding expected inflation to expected long-term real returns, and reflecting expected volatility and correlation. The capital market assumption and information shown below are provided by TCDRS' investment consultant, Cliffwater LLC. The numbers shown are based on January 2017 information for a 7-10 year time horizon.

Asset Class	Benchmark	Target Allocation	Geometric Real Rate of Return
US Equities	Dow Jones U.S. Total Stock Market Index	13.50%	4.70%
Private Equity	Cambridge Associates Global Private Equity & Venture Capital Index	16.00%	7.70%
Global Equities	MSCI World (net) Index	1.50%	5.00%
International Equities - Developed	MSCI World Ex USA (net)	10.00%	4.70%
International Equities - Emerging	MSCI World Ex USA (net)	7.00%	5.70%
Investment-Grade Bonds	Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond index	3.00%	0.60%
High-Yield Bonds	Citigroup High-Yield Cash-Pay Capped Index	3.00%	3.70%
Opportunistic Credit	Citigroup High-Yield Cash-Pay Capped Index	2.00%	3.83%
Direct Lending	S&P/LSTA Leveraged Loan Index	10.00%	8.15%
Distressed Debt	Cambridge Associates Distressed Securities Index	3.00%	6.70%
REIT Equities	67% FTSE NAREIT Equity REITs Index + 33% FRSE EPRA/NAREIT Global Real Estate Index	2.00%	3.85%
Master Limited Partnerships (MLPs)	Alerian MLP Index	3.00%	5.60%
Private Real Estate Partnerships	Cambridge Associates Real Estate Index	6.00%	7.20%
Hedge Funds	Hedge Fund Research, Inc. (HFRI) Fund of Funds Composite Index	20.00%	3.85%
		100.00%	

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Changes in Net Pension Liability (Asset)

	Increase (Decrease)		
	Total Pension Liability	Fiduciary Net Position	Net Pension Liability (Asset)
	(a)	(b)	(a) - (b)
Balances as of December 31, 2015	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Changes for the year:			
Service cost	6,295	-	6,295
Interest on total pension liability	250	-	250
Effect of plan changes	-	-	-
Effect of economic/demographic gains or losses	5	-	5
Effect of assumptions changes or inputs	-	-	-
Refund of contributions	-	-	-
Benefit payments	-	-	-
Administrative expenses	-	-	-
Member contributions	-	2,604	(2,604)
Net investment income	-	-	-
Employer contributions	-	9,212	(9,212)
Other	-	179	(179)
Net changes	<u>6,550</u>	<u>11,995</u>	<u>(5,445)</u>
Balances as of December 31, 2016	<u>\$ 6,550</u>	<u>\$ 11,995</u>	<u>\$ (5,445)</u>

Sensitivity of the net pension asset to changes in the discount rate

The following presents the pension liability of the District, calculated using the discount rate of 8.1%, as well as what the District's pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (7.1%) or 1-percentage-point higher (9.1%) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease in Discount Rate (7.1%)	Current Discount Rate (8.1%)	1% Increase in Discount Rate (9.1%)
Total pension liability	\$ 7,384	\$ 6,550	\$ 5,779
Fiduciary net position	11,995	11,995	11,995
Net pension liability (asset)	\$ (4,611)	\$ (5,445)	\$ (6,216)

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

For the year ended September 30, 2017, the District recognized pension expense of \$3,382.

At September 30, 2017, 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 experience	\$ -	\$ 5
Net difference between projected and actual earnings	-	381
Contributions made subsequent to December 31, 2016	-	4,476
	\$ -	\$ 4,862

\$4,476 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from contributions subsequent to measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability for the year ending September 30, 2018. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year ended December 31:	
2017	\$ 96
2018	96
2019	96
2020	96
2021	-
Thereafter	2
	\$ 386

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

AUSTIN COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT
Texas County & District Retirement System

*Schedule of Changes in Net Pension Liability And Related Ratios
Last 10 years
(unaudited)*

	2016
Total Pension Liability	
Service Cost	\$ 6,295
Interest on total pension liability	250
Changes of benefit terms	-
Effect of economic/demographic (gains) or losses	5
Changes of assumptions	-
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	-
Net change in total pension liability	6,550
Total pension liability - beginning	-
Total pension liability - ending (a)	\$ 6,550
 Plan Fiduciary Net Position	
Contributions - employer	\$ 9,212
Contributions - employee	2,604
Net investment income	-
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	-
Administrative expense	-
Other	179
Net change in plan fiduciary net position	11,995
Plan fiduciary net position - beginning	-
Plan fiduciary net position - ending (b)	\$ 11,995
 Net pension liability (asset) - ending (a) - (b)	\$ (5,445)
 Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of total pension liability	183.13%
Covered employee payroll	37,198
Net pension liability as a percentage of covered employee payroll	-14.64%

Notes to Schedule:

GASB 68 requires 10 fiscal years of data to be provided in this schedule. The District began participation in the 2016 plan year.

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Texas County & District Retirement System

Schedule of Contributions
Last 10 Fiscal Years
(unaudited)

	2016
Actuarially Determined Contribution	\$ 3,371
Contributions in relation to the actuarially determined contributions	9,212
Contribution deficiency (excess)	(5,841)
Covered employee payroll	\$ 37,198
Contributions as a percentage of covered employee payroll	24.8%

Notes to Schedule of Contributions

Valuation Date:

Notes

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

Methods and Assumptions Used to Determine Contribution Rates:

Actuarial cost method	Entry age
Amortization method	Level percentage of payroll, closed
Remaining amortization period	0 years (based on contribution rate calculated in 12/31/2016 valuation)
Asset Valuation Method	5-year smoothed market
Inflation	3.00%
Salary increases	Varies by age and service. 4.9% average over career including inflation.
Investment rate of return	8.00%, 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	In the 2015 actuarial valuation, assumed life expectancies were adjusted as a result of adopting a new projection scale (110% of the MP-2014 Ultimate Scale) for 2014 and later. Previously Scale AA had been used. The base table is the RP-2000 table projected with Scale AA to 2014.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' 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

Members of the Board of Directors
Austin County Emergency Communications District

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities of the Austin County Emergency Communications District, (the "District") as of and for the year ended September 30, 2017, which collectively comprise the Austin County Emergency Communications District's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated February 7, 2018. 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.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the District's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures 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 District's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over financial reporting.

Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses and therefore, there can be no assurance that all deficiencies, significant deficiencies, or material weaknesses have been identified. However, as described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses.

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. We consider the deficiency 2017-001 described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses to be a material weakness.

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Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the District's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

District's Response to Findings

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

Brenham, Texas
February 7, 2018



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SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES
September 30, 2017

2017-001 Segregation of duties

Condition and Criteria: Accounting duties are not adequately segregated. The executive director opens the mail and prepares and makes deposits. His assistant processes bill pay transactions, prepares checks for payment, records cash receipts and disbursements, and reconciles the bank account. As an offsetting control, neither of these individuals has signature authority and two Board members' signatures are required on all disbursements. Additionally, bill pay transactions, bank statements, check images, and bank reconciliations are reviewed by the board elected Treasurer, and then presented to the board at the board meetings.

Recommendation: We recommend that the dual signature requirement and the review of bill pay transactions, bank statements, check images and reconciliations continue to be performed.

Response: The District intends to continue these procedures.