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FOR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018

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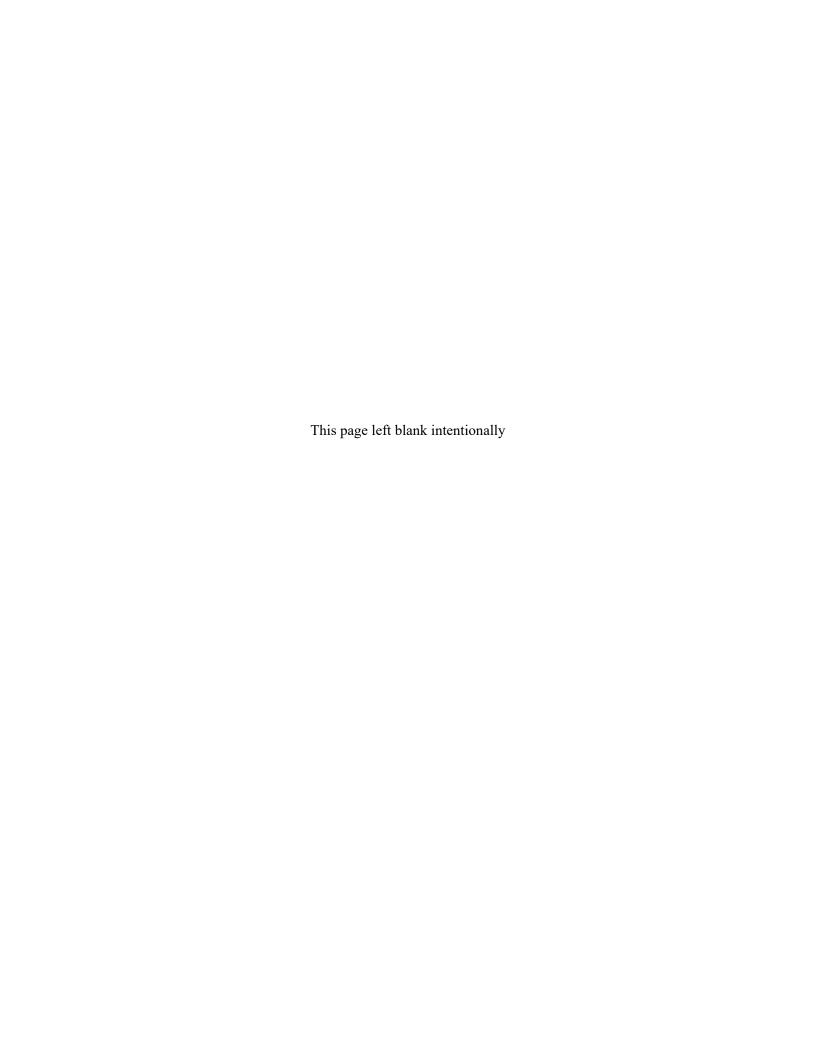
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PART I INTRODUCTORY SECTION

ARMSTRONG COUNTY, TEXAS

PRINCIPAL COUNTY OFFICIALS

DECEMBER 31, 2018

Hugh Reed County Judge Adam Ensey Commissioner, Precinct #1 Parker Stewart Commissioner, Precinct #2 Robert Harris Commissioner, Precinct #3 Philip Fletcher Commissioner, Precinct #4 Judge, 47th Judicial District Dan Schaap Randall Sims District Attorney Tawnee Blodgett District/County Clerk County Tax Assessor/Collector Jamie Craig **Rachel Sanders** County Treasurer County Sheriff Fleta Barnett Justice of the Peace Dianne Samaniego

PART II FINANCIAL SECTION

To The Honorable County Judge and Commissioners Comprising the Commissioners' Court of Armstrong County, Texas

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Armstrong County, Texas as of and for the year ended December 31, 2018, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the County'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.

Auditors' 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 auditors' 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 County'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 County'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.

Opinions

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 Armstrong County, Texas, as of December 31, 2018, 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.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the budgetary comparison schedules, the schedule of changes in pension liability and related ratios, the schedule of employer contributions, and the schedule of changes in total OPEB liability and related ratios on pages 38 – 43 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.

The County has omitted the Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. The MD&A, 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. The independent auditors' opinion is not affected by the omission of the MD&A.

Other information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise Armstrong County, Texas' basic financial statements as a whole. The combining non-major and agency fund financial statements listed under other supplementary information in the accompanying table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The combining non-major and agency fund financial statements listed under other supplementary information in the accompanying table of contents are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the 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 information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

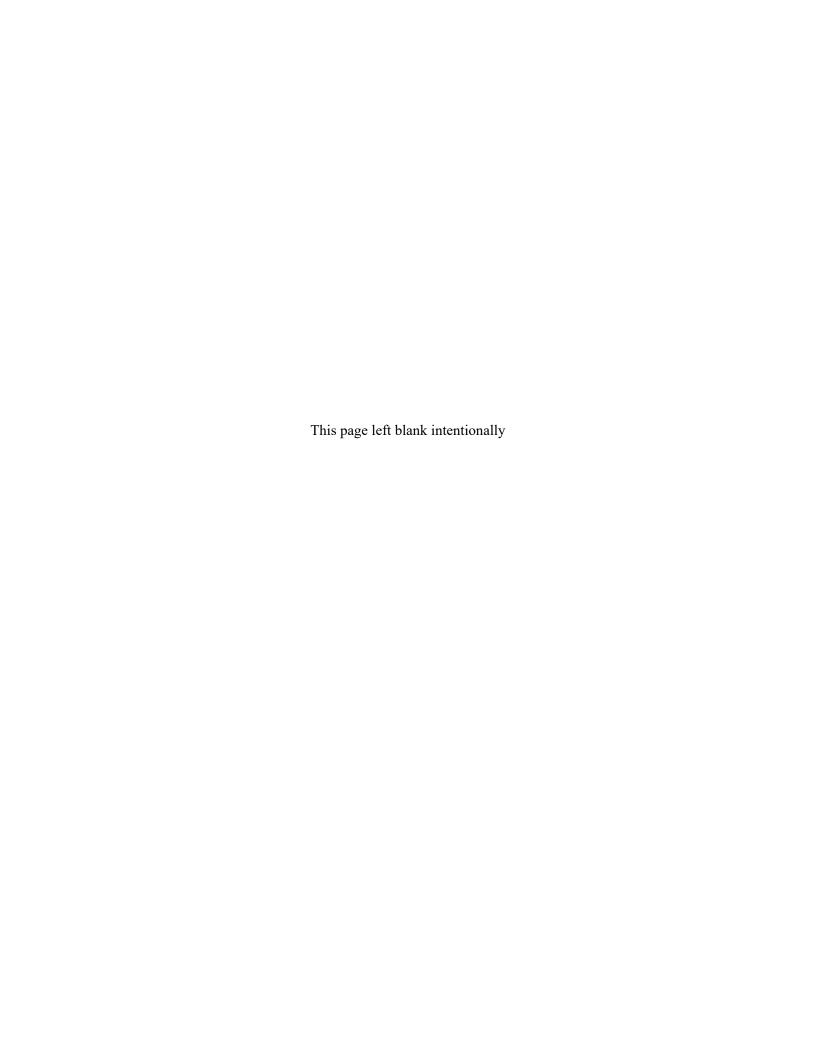
Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

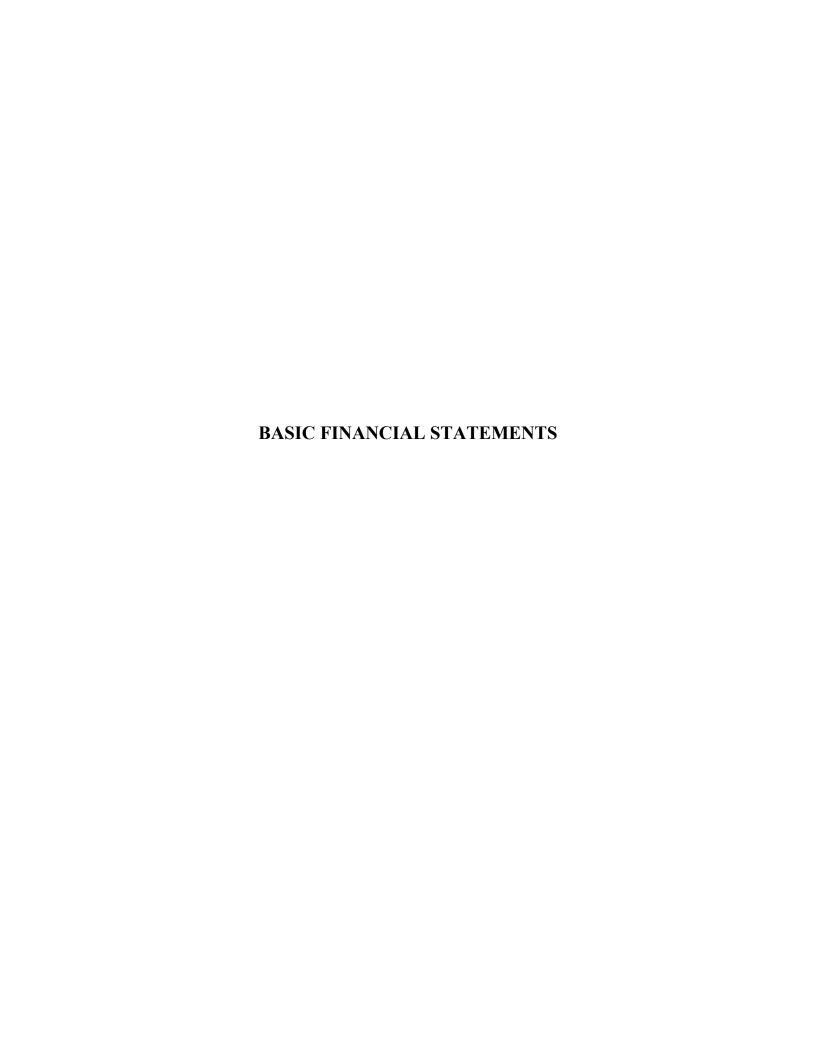
In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 20, 2019, on our consideration of Armstrong County, Texas' internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements 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 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 Armstrong County, Texas' internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

DOSHIER, PICKENS & FRANCIS, LLC

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June 20, 2019





ARMSTRONG COUNTY, TEXAS STATEMENT OF NET POSITION DECEMBER 31, 2018

	Governmental Activities
ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,349,483
Investments	312,557
Accounts receivable, net	140,757
Taxes receivable, net	361,444
Due from other governmental entities	143,304
Prepaid expenses Not pension asset	16,332 219,809
Net pension asset	
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	2,178,098
Total assets	4,721,784
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Pension contributions	35,072
Pension economic/demographic losses	2,190
Pension assumption changes	16,144
Other postemployment benefit contributions	2,709
Other postemployment benefit assumption changes	3,242
Total deferred outflows of resources	59,357
LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable	19,582
Due to other governmental entities	41,868
Accrued interest	8,361
Other postemployment benefit liability	96,005
Noncurrent liabilities:	
Due within one year	80,234
Due in more than one year	469,151
Total liabilities	715,201
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Pension excess earnings	37,255
Other postemployment benefit economic/demographic gains	1,894
Total deferred inflows of resources	39,149
NET POSITION	
Net investment in capital assets	1,649,282
Restricted:	1,0 .2,202
By enabling legislation	178,582
Unrestricted	2,198,927
Total net position	\$ 4.026.701
Total lict position	\$ 4,026,791

ARMSTRONG COUNTY, TEXAS STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018

Functions/Programs	Expenses		harges for Services	O Gi	am Revenue Operating rants and otributions	G	Capital Frants and ntributions	Richard Richar	et (Expense) evenue and Changes in et Position Primary overnment evernmental Activities
Primary government									
Governmental Activities:									
Administrative	\$ 286,227	\$	5,448	\$	25,294	\$	_	\$	(255,485)
Judicial	282,378	Ψ	328,429	Ψ	23,274	Ψ	_	Ψ	46,051
Elections	22,538		520,125		_		_		(22,538)
Financial administration	202,224		171,148		_		_		(31,076)
Public facilities	131,138		6,430		_		93,228		(31,480)
Corrections and	131,130		0,130				73,220		(31,100)
rehabilitation	203,354		540		_		_		(202,814)
Public safety	427,148		9,970		29,522		_		(387,656)
Road and bridge	450,803		24,907		50,209		-		(375,687)
Community and	,				,				(0,0,00,)
economic development	61,981		-		-		-		(61,981)
Public service	4,095		-		_		-		(4,095)
Interest on long-term	,								() ,
debt	12,874								(12,874)
Total	\$ 2,084,760	\$	546,872	\$	105,025	\$	93,228		(1,339,635)
		es, lev	ied for genera						847,014 388,473
	Payments in								102,000
	Sales tax								46,531
	Investment ear	nings							22,569
	Miscellaneous	_							20,519
	Gain on dispos		assets						16,436
	Total genera	l rever	nues						1,443,542
	Change in net position							103,907	
	Net position -	_	-						4,010,596
	Prior period re	statem	nent						(87,712)
	Net position -	beginr	ning, as restat	ed					3,922,884
	Net position -	ending	9					\$	4,026,791

ARMSTRONG COUNTY, TEXAS BALANCE SHEET GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS DECEMBER 31, 2018

	General	Road	l and Bridge		on-Major vernmental Funds	Go	Total vernmental Funds
ASSETS	_		8		_		_
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 794,356	\$	370,354	\$	184,773	\$	1,349,483
Investments	312,557		-		-		312,557
Accounts receivable, net	140,518		-		239		140,757
Taxes receivable, net	242,277		119,167		-		361,444
Due from other funds	37,600		-		-		37,600
Due from other governmental entities	107,471		35,833		-		143,304
Prepaid expenditures	16,332		-		-		16,332
Total assets	\$ 1,651,111	\$	525,354	\$	185,012	\$	2,361,477
LIABILITIES							
Accounts payable	\$ 14,222	\$	5,360	\$	-	\$	19,582
Due to other funds	-		-		37,600		37,600
Due to other governmental entities	 41,823		45				41,868
Total liabilities	56,045		5,405		37,600		99,050
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES							
Unavailable revenue - property taxes	34,520		16,905		_		51,425
Unavailable revenue - other receivables	 99,850		-		-		99,850
Total deferred inflows of resources	134,370		16,905				151,275
FUND BALANCES							
Non-spendable:	16 222						16 222
Prepaid expenditures	16,332		-		-		16,332
Restricted:					170 500		170 500
By enabling legislation Committed for:	-		-		178,582		178,582
			502 044				502.044
Road and bridge	-		503,044		6,430		503,044
Capital purchases	1 444 264		-		-		6,430
Unassigned (deficit)	 1,444,364			-	(37,600)		1,406,764
Total fund balances	 1,460,696		503,044		147,412		2,111,152
Total liabilities, deferred inflows							
of resources, and fund balances	\$ 1,651,111	\$	525,354	\$	185,012	\$	2,361,477

ARMSTRONG COUNTY, TEXAS RECONCILIATION OF THE BALANCE SHEET OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION DECEMBER 31, 2018

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:

Total fund balances - governmental funds	\$	2,111,152
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not current financial resources and therefore are not reported in this fund financial statement, but are reported in the governmental activities of the Statement of Net Position.		2,178,098
Certain accounts receivable are not available to pay for current-period expenditures and therefore, are shown as unavailable revenues in the fund financial statements		151,275
The net pension asset is not a current financial resource and therefore, is not reported in the fund financial statement, but is reported in the governmental activities of the Statement of Net Position.		219,809
Pension and other postemployment benefit losses, deficient earnings, and assumption changes are shown as deferred outflows of resources in the government-wide statements.		
Pension economic/demographic losses		2,190
Pension assumption changes		16,144
Other postemployment benefit assumption changes		3,242
Pension and other postemployment benefit contributions paid after the measurement date. December 31, 2016, and before December 31, 2017 are expensed in the governmental funds and shown as deferred outflows of resources in the government-wide financial statements. Pension contributions		35,072
Other postemployment benefit contributions		2,709
Pension and other postemployment benefit gains and excess earnings are shown as deferred inflows of resources in the government-wide statements.	[
Pension excess earnings		(37,255)
Other postemployment benefit economic/demographic gains		(1,894)
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the fund financial statements:		
Accrued interest payable		(8,361)
Notes payable		(528,816)
Landfill closure and post-closure costs		(9,574)
Accrued compensated absences		(10,995)
Other postemployment benefit liability		(96,005)
Net position - governmental activities	\$	4,026,791

ARMSTRONG COUNTY, TEXAS STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018

		General	Road	l and Bridge	Gov	n-Major ernmental Funds	Go	Total vernmental Funds
REVENUES								
Property taxes	\$	828,094	\$	379,309	\$	-	\$	1,207,403
Payments in lieu of taxes		102,000		-		-		102,000
Sales tax		46,531		_		_		46,531
Licenses and fees		246,791		24,907		25,577		297,275
Fines and forfeitures		196,736		- 1,2 - 1				196,736
Intergovernmental		141,706		50,209		6,338		198,253
Investment earnings		16,389		6,085		95		22,569
Miscellaneous		19,740		4,979		800		25,519
iviiscenaneous	-	19,740		4,979	-	800	-	23,319
Total revenues		1,597,987		465,489		32,810		2,096,286
EXPENDITURES								
Current:								
Administrative		269,756		_		2,569		272,325
Judicial		257,052		-		11,582		268,634
Elections		22,386		_		_		22,386
Financial administration		196,355		_		_		196,355
Public facilities		53,953		_		_		53,953
Corrections and rehabilitation		195,704		_		=		195,704
Public safety		373,936		_		4,394		378,330
Road and bridge		-		340,773		-		340,773
Community and economic development		61,118		540,775		_		61,118
Public service		3,737		_		_		3,737
Debt service:		3,737		_		_		3,737
Principal				83,280				83,280
Interest		-		8,468		-		8,468
		-				-		
Capital outlay		64,883		354,184				419,067
Total expenditures		1,498,880		786,705		18,545		2,304,130
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER /								
(UNDER) EXPENDITURES		99,107		(321,216)		14,265		(207,844)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES								
Proceeds from long-term debt, net		-		272,841		-		272,841
Proceeds from sale of assets		-		3,469		-		3,469
Total other financing services								
Total other financing sources		-		276,310				276,310
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES		99,107		(44,906)		14,265		68,466
FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING		1,361,589		547,950		133,147		2,042,686
FUND BALANCES - ENDING	\$	1,460,696	\$	503,044	\$	147,412	\$	2,111,152

ARMSTRONG COUNTY, TEXAS RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018

Amounts reported for Governmental Activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds:	\$	68,466
Governmental funds report outlays for capital assets as expenditures because such outlays use current financial resources. In contrast, the Statement of Activities reports only a portion of the outlay as expense. The outlay is allocated over the assets' estimated useful lives as depreciation expense for the period.	}	
This is the amount by which depreciation, \$228,534, was exceeded by capital outlays, \$419,067, in the current period.	l	190,533
In the Statement of Activities, only the gain on the sale of capital assets is reported. However, in the governmental funds, the proceeds from the sale increase financial resources. Thus, the change in net assets differs from the change in fund balance by the net book value of the capital asset sold.		(533)
The Statement of Activities reports gains arising from the trade-in of existing capital assets to acquire new capital assets. Conversely, governmental funds do not report any gain or loss on a trade-in of capital assets.		13,500
Revenues in the Statement of Activities that do not provide current financial resources are fully deferred in the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances. This amount represents the change in unavailable revenue.		75,945
In the Statement of Net Position, incurring debt increases long-term liabilities and does not affect the Statement of Activities. Similarly, repayments of principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but reduces the liability in the Statement of Net Position.		
Debt issued or incurred: Note payable Principal repayments:		(272,841)
Note payable		83,280
Some expenses reported in the Statement of Activities do not require the use of current financial resources and these are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds:		
Accrued interest on debt, net change		(4,405)
Compensated absences, net change		6
Landfill closure and post-closure costs, net change		(358)
Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions		(148,706)
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions		(31,128)
Net pension asset, net change		134,384
Deferred outflows of resources related to other postemployment benefits		3,297
Deferred inflows of resources related to other postemployment benefits		(1,894)
Other postemployment benefit liability, net change		(5,639)
Change in net position - governmental activities	\$	103,907

ARMSTRONG COUNTY, TEXAS STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION AGENCY FUNDS DECEMBER 31, 2018

ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	<u>\$</u>	383,310
Total assets	<u>\$</u>	383,310
LIABILITIES		
Due to others	\$	2,634
Due to other governments		13,560
Deposits		367,116
Total liabilities	\$	383,310

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of Armstrong County, Texas (County) have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (generally accepted accounting principles) (GAAP) for local governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The most significant accounting and reporting policies of the County are described in the following notes to the financial statements.

A. Financial Reporting Entity

The County, incorporated in 1890, is a public corporation and political subdivision of the State of Texas. The County is governed by the Commissioners Court, composed of four County Commissioners and the County Judge, all of whom are elected officials.

The County provides a variety of services to advance the welfare, morale, comfort, safety and convenience of the County and its citizens.

The definition of the reporting entity is based primarily on the notion of financial accountability. The elected officials governing the County are accountable to their constituents for their public policy decisions, regardless of whether those decisions are carried out directly through the operations of the County or by their appointees through the operations of a separate entity. Therefore, the County is not only financially accountable for the organizations that make up its legal entity, but also financially accountable for legally separate organizations if its officials appoint a voting majority of an organization's governing body and either, it is able to impose its will on that organization or there is a potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to, or to impose specific financial burdens on the County.

B. Financial Statement Presentation, Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

Government-Wide Statements

Government-wide financial statements consist of the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities. These statements report information on all of the non-fiduciary activities of the primary government. For the most part, the effect of inter-fund activity has been removed from these statements. *Governmental activities*, are supported by taxes and inter-governmental revenue.

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the *economic resources measurement focus* and the *accrual basis of accounting*. Under this measurement focus, revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred, regardless of the timing of cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Fines and forfeitures are recognized when they have been assessed and adjudicated and earned. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenues as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – Continuation

B. Financial Statement Presentation, Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting - Continuation

Government-Wide Statements – Continuation

The Statement of Activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of the County's programs are offset by those programs' revenue. *Direct expenses* are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Certain indirect costs have been included as part of the program expenses reported for the various functional activities. *Program revenues* include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by the program and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational and/or capital requirements of a particular program. Taxes and other items not included among program revenue are reported instead as *general revenue*. In miscellaneous general revenues are non-program specific contributions including capital assets contributions.

Fiduciary funds are excluded in the government-wide presentation of the financial statements.

Fund-Level Statements

All governmental funds use the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when susceptible to accrual (i.e., when they become both 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. The County considers property taxes and other revenues as available if they are collected within 60 days after year-end. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred. Grant and entitlement revenues are also susceptible to accrual. These funds are accounted for on a spending "financial flow" measurement focus. This means that only current assets and current liabilities are generally included on their balance sheets. Their reported fund balance (net current assets) is considered a measure of "available spendable resources." Governmental fund operating statements present increases (revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (expenditures and other financing uses) in net current assets. Accordingly, they are said to present a summary of sources and uses of "available spendable resources" during a period.

Any fiduciary funds, including agency funds, are accounted for using the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when earned, and expenses when they are incurred. Claims incurred but not reported are included in payables and expenses. These funds are accounted for using an economic resources measurement focus.

The accounts of the County are organized and operated 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/expenses. Government resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds based on the purpose for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled.

The County reports the following major governmental funds:

<u>General Fund</u> – The *General Fund* is the general operating fund of the County. The General Fund is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund. Major revenue sources include property taxes, charges for services, intergovernmental revenues and investment of idle funds. Primary expenditures are for administrative, judicial, financial administration, public safety, corrections and rehabilitation, and capital acquisition.

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – Continuation

B. Financial Statement Presentation, Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting – Continuation

Fund-Level Statements – Continuation

<u>Road and Bridge Fund</u> – The *Road and Bridge Fund* is a special revenue fund used to account for the revenues derived from property taxes and license fees levied for purposes of road and bridge expenditures.

Additionally, the County reports the following fund types:

<u>Special Revenue Funds</u> – The *Special Revenue Funds* account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources (other than fiduciary funds) that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes.

<u>Capital Project Funds</u> – The *Capital Project Funds* account for the financial resources designated for acquisition of fixed assets and construction projects.

<u>Agency Funds</u> – The *Agency Funds* account for assets held by the County as an agent for individuals, private organizations, other governments and other funds. Agency funds do not involve a formal trust agreement. Agency funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations.

C. Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles, requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

D. Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Inflows and Outflows of Resources, and Net Position or Equity

1. Deposits and Investments

The County's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits and deposits within public fund investment pools. Statutes authorize the County to keep funds in demand deposits, time deposits, or securities of the United States. The County's custodial banks are required to pledge for the purpose of securing County funds, securities of the following kind, in an amount equal to the amount of such County funds: bonds and notes of the United States, securities of indebtedness of the United States, bonds of the State of Texas, or of any county, city, or independent school district, and various other bonds as described in Texas Statutes. TexPool and TEXAS LOGIC are duly chartered and administered by the Texas Treasury Safekeeping Trust Company and the portfolio normally consists of U.S. T-Bills or T-Notes, collateralized certificates of deposit, and repurchase agreements. The carrying value (cost) and market value are equal for these deposits.

The County is required by Government Code Chapter 2256, The Public Funds Investment Act ("Act"), to adopt, and publicize an investment policy. That policy must be written, primarily emphasize safety of principal and liquidity, address investment diversification, yield, and maturity and the quality and capability of investment management, and include a list of the types of authorized investments in which the investing entity's funds may be invested, and the maximum allowable stated maturity of any individual investment owned by the entity.

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – Continuation

D. Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Inflows and Outflows of Resources, and Net Position or Equity – Continuation

1. **Deposits and Investments** – Continuation

The Act requires an annual audit of investment policies. Audit procedures in this area conducted as a part of the audit of the basic financial statements disclosed that in the area of investment practices, management has established and reports appropriate policies. The County adheres to the requirements of the Act. Additionally, investment practices of the County are in accordance with local policies.

2. Receivables and Payables

Activities between funds that are representative of lending/borrowing arrangements outstanding at the end of the fiscal year are referred to as either "due to/from other funds" (i.e., the current portion of inter-fund loans) or "advances to/from other funds" (i.e., the noncurrent portion of inter-fund loans). All other outstanding balances between funds are reported as "due to/from other funds."

Advances between funds, as reported in the fund financial statements, are offset by a fund balance reserve account in applicable governmental funds to indicate that they are not available for appropriation and are not expendable available financial resources.

Amounts due from other governments include amounts due from grantors for approved grants for specific programs and reimbursements for services performed by the County. Program grants are recorded as receivables revenues at the time all eligibility requirements established by the provider have been met.

Reimbursements for services performed are recorded as receivables and revenues when they are earned in the government-wide statements. Included are fines and costs assessed by court action and billable services for certain contracts. Revenues received in advance of the costs being incurred are recorded as unavailable revenue in the fund statements. Receivables are shown net of an allowance for uncollectible accounts of \$641,887.

Payables consist of vendor obligations for goods and services as well as funds payable to others when the criteria for their release have been met.

3. Property Tax Calendar and Revenues

Property taxes are based on taxable value at January 1 and become due October 1 and past due after January 31 of the following year. Tax collections during the months of October through December are entitled to discounts offered by the County. Tax collections after February 1 are treated as late payments and are subject to penalty and interest. Uncollected taxes from the current tax roll become delinquent on July 1 and are subject to additional penalties and interest. Accordingly, receivables and revenues for property taxes are reflected on the government-wide statement based on the full accrual method of accounting. Property tax receivables are shown net of an allowance for uncollectible accounts of \$40,161.

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – Continuation

D. Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Inflows and Outflows of Resources, and Net Position or Equity – Continuation

4. Restricted Assets/Funds

The following accounts reflect restricted status by third-party or statutory obligations for specific purposes:

• Other Non-Major Governmental fund balances (amounts restricted for other specific purposes such as management and archiving of public records, personnel and security for the courthouse, technology requirements for the justice court, costs of providing a defense to indigent persons, providing and maintaining a commissary for inmates, and enhancement of law enforcement operations with seized funds. All restrictions are enacted according to Texas statutes.)

5. Prepaid Items

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in both government-wide and fund financial statements. The County uses the consumption method to record its prepaid items which requires reporting these items as assets and deferring the recognition of expenditures until the period in which prepaid items are used or consumed. In the fund financial statements, they are offset by a designation of non-spendable fund balance which indicates they do not represent "available spendable resources".

6. Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include land, buildings and improvements, infrastructure, and equipment, are reported in the government-wide financial statements. The County has opted not to retroactively report infrastructure assets (assets acquired prior to January 1, 2004). According to the County's capitalization policy, capital assets, such as equipment, are defined as individual assets (or systems of assets) having a cost of \$5,000 or more and an estimated useful life in excess of one year. Capital assets are recorded at historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation.

When capital assets are purchased, they are capitalized and depreciated in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are recorded as expenditures of the current period in the governmental fund financial statements.

The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets lives are not capitalized. Capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated lives:

Buildings and improvements	20-50 years
Infrastructure	40 years
Equipment	5-10 years

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – Continuation

D. Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Inflows and Outflows of Resources, and Net Position or Equity – Continuation

7. Compensated Absences

A liability for unused vacation and comp time for all full-time employees is calculated and reported in the government-wide financial statements. For financial reporting, the following criteria must be met to be considered as compensated absences:

- leave or compensation is attributable to services already rendered
- leave or compensation is not contingent on a specific event (such as illness).

Per GASB Interpretation No. 6, liabilities for compensated absences are recognized in the fund statements to the extent the liabilities have matured (i.e. are due for payment). Compensated absences are accrued in the government-wide statements.

The County's permanent, full-time employees are entitled to vacations of up to a maximum of twenty-one days per year based on years of employment. Vacation time earned, but not taken, is paid at termination, but employees cannot accumulate more than seven days beyond one calendar year. Sick leave accrues at one day per month with a maximum of 120 working days, but compensation is paid only for an illness-related absence. Unused sick leave is non-vesting and will not be paid on termination. Accrued vacation leave and comp time are accrued in the government-wide financial statements.

8. Long-term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the statement of net position.

In the fund financial statements, the face amount of debt issued is reported as other financing sources.

9. Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred outflows of resources*, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will *not* be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. The County has multiple items that qualify for reporting in this category. They are the contributions and other items related to the County's pension plan and other postemployment benefit plan reported in the government-wide statement of net position.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred inflows of resources*, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The government has two items that qualify for reporting in this category. One item, *unavailable revenue*, is reported only in the governmental funds balance sheet. The governmental funds report unavailable revenues from two sources: property taxes and fines and fees. These amounts are deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the period that the amounts become available. The other items are related to the County's pension plan and other postemployment benefit plan reported in the government-wide statement of net position.

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – Continuation

D. Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Inflows and Outflows of Resources, and Net Position or Equity – Continuation

10. Pensions and Other Post-Employment Benefits

For purposes of measuring the net pension asset or liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the County's Texas County and District Retirement System Plan and additions to/deductions from the Plan's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the Plan. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

For purposes of measuring the other post-employment benefit (OPEB) asset or liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB, and OPEB expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the County's Texas County and District Retirement System Supplemental Death Plan, and additions to/deductions from the Plan's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the Plan. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

11. Fund Balances

As prescribed by GASB Statement No. 54, governmental funds report fund balance in classifications based primarily on the extent to which the County is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which amounts in the funds can be spent. Fund balance for governmental funds can consist of the following:

<u>Non-spendable Fund Balance</u> – includes amounts that are (a) not in spendable forms, or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. The "not in spendable form" criterion includes items that are not expected to be converted to cash, for example: inventories, prepaid amounts, and long-term notes receivable.

<u>Restricted Fund Balance</u> – includes amounts that are restricted for specific purposes stipulated by external resource providers, constitutionally or through enabling legislation. Restrictions may effectively be changed or lifted only with the consent of the resource providers.

<u>Committed Fund Balance</u> – includes amounts that can only be used for the specific purposes determined by a formal action of the County's highest level of decision-making authority, the Commissioners' Court. Commitments may be changed or lifted only by the County taking the same formal action that imposed the constraint originally (for example: resolution or ordinance).

Assigned Fund Balance – includes amounts intended to be used by the County for specific purposes that are neither restricted nor committed. Intent is expressed by (a) Commissioners' Court or (b) a body (budget, finance committee, or County Official) to which the assigned amounts are to be used for specific purposes. Assigned amounts also include all residual amounts in governmental funds (except negative amounts) that are not classified as non-spendable, restricted or committed.

<u>Unassigned Fund Balance</u> – this classification represents fund balance that has not been assigned to other funds and that has not been restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purposes within the General Fund.

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – Continuation

D. Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Inflows and Outflows of Resources, and Net Position or Equity – Continuation

12. Net Position

In the government-wide financial statements, equity is classified as net position and displayed in three categories.

<u>Net Investment in Capital Assets</u> – This amount consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowing used for the acquisition, construction or improvements of those assets, and adding back unspent proceeds.

<u>Restricted Net Position</u> – This amount is restricted by external creditors, grantors, contributors, laws or regulations of other governments, enabling legislation, or constitutional provisions.

<u>Unrestricted Net Position</u> – This amount includes all net position amounts that do not meet the definition of "net investment in capital assets" or "restricted net position."

13. Fund Balance Policies

When the County incurs an expenditure for which both restricted and unrestricted fund balance is available, the County considers restricted funds to have been spent first, then unrestricted funds. When expenditures are incurred for which committed, assigned, or unassigned fund balances are available, the County considers amounts to have been spent first out of committed funds, then assigned funds, and finally unassigned funds.

Committed fund balance amounts may be used for other purposes with appropriate action by the Commissioners' Court to either modify or rescind a fund balance commitment. Commitments are typically done through adoption and amendment of the budget.

The County's highest level of decision-making authority is the Commissioners' Court. The Court has not yet delegated the authority to assign fund balance amounts to a specific individual nor does it have a policy to authorize the assignment of fund balances outside the Court.

NOTE 2 – STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE, AND ACCOUNTABILITY

A. Budgetary Information

The County follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

- 1. Prior to July 1, the proposed budget is submitted to the Commissioners' Court.
- 2. The Commissioners' Court provides for a public hearing on the County budget subsequent to July 15, and prior to the levy of taxes by the Commissioners' Court.
- 3. Prior to October 1, the budget is legally adopted by order of the Commissioners' Court for the General Fund and the Road and Bridge Special Revenue Fund.

NOTE 2 – STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE, AND ACCOUNTABILITY – Continuation

A. <u>Budgetary Information</u> – Continuation

- 4. The budget is prepared by fund and department with the legal level of control at the department level. Administrative control is maintained through the establishment of more detailed account or object class budgets within the departments. Emergency expenditures to meet unusual and unforeseen conditions which could not, by reasonable diligent thought and attention, have been included in the original budget, whereby total expenditures of a department have been increased must be authorized by the Court as emergency amendments to the original budget. Management may not amend the budget at any level without approval of the Commissioners' Court. The Court has the authority to make such changes in the budget, in its judgment of facts, the law warrant, and the interest of the taxpayers demand, provided the amounts budgeted for the current expenditures from the various funds for the County do not exceed appropriations, including fund balances from the prior fiscal periods. Amounts shown in the financial statements represent the original budget amounts and all supplemental appropriations. Supplemental appropriations to the original adopted budget are in the Final Budget Amounts column of the Budgetary Comparison Schedule for both the General Fund and the Road and Bridge Special Revenue Fund.
- 5. Budgets for the General and Road and Bridge Special Revenue Funds are adopted on a basis consistent with GAAP on the modified accrual basis of accounting on an annual basis.
- 6. Formal budgetary integration on an annual basis is employed as a management control device during the year for the General Fund and the Road and Bridge Special Revenue Fund.
- 7. All appropriations, except those in grant funds, lapse at the end of the County's fiscal year and may be re-budgeted the next year.

B. Excess of Expenditures Over Appropriations

For the year ended December 31, 2018, expenditures exceeded appropriations in the following departments of the General Fund: Dues (\$822), County Appraisal District (\$1,025), Activity Building (\$1,457), Department of Public Safety (\$205), Emergency Management (\$4,241), Volunteer Fire Department (\$16,000), Home economic agent (\$36), and Capital Outlay (\$26,883). The over expenditures in the General Fund were funded by lower than budgeted expenditures in every other department. Expenditures exceeded appropriations in the following departments of the Road and Bridge Fund: Precinct 4 (\$2,061), Debt service (\$91,748), and Capital Outlay (\$284,735). The expenditures over budget were funded by lower than expected expenditures in the other departments of the Road and Bridge fund as well as proceeds from notes payable.

C. Deficit Fund Balance

At December 31, 2018, the following funds reported deficit fund balances: Jail Restoration and TxDOT Road Grant. The Jail Restoration Fund overspent the remaining proceeds received in previous years for the restoration of the County Jail. The deficit will be covered by operating transfers from the General Fund in future periods. The County did not request any reimbursement from the State of Texas to offset the expenditures in the TxDOT Road Grant Fund causing the deficit. The deficit will be covered in the next period by requesting and receiving state grant funds.

NOTE 3 – DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

Cash and deposit balances consist of:

Total fair value

Portfolio weighted average maturity

Following is a reconciliation of the County's cash and deposit balances as of December 31, 2018:

Governmental activities Certificates of deposit (interest rates .8085%)	\$	312,557	-	
Investment Type	Fa	air Value	_	chted Average turity (Days)
As of December 31, 2018, the County had the following investments:				
Total			\$	1,732,793
Fiduciary Funds Statement of Net Assets				383,310
Cash and deposit balances are reported in the basic financial statements a Government-wide Statement of Net Assets: Unrestricted	as follows	3:	\$	1,349,483
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Total			\$	1,732,793
Temporary investments - TexPool				1,007,795
Bank deposits			Ψ	722,948
Petty cash funds			\$	2,050

Custodial credit risk – deposits. As of December 31, 2018, the carrying amount of the County's deposits with financial institutions was \$1,035,505 and the bank's balance was \$1,171,135. Of the bank balance, \$741,646 was insured through the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation (FDIC) and \$429,489 was collateralized with securities held by the pledging institution's agent in the County's name.

312,557

As of December 31, 2018, the County had \$1,007,795 invested with the Texas Treasury Safekeeping Trust Company (TexPool). The Inter-local Cooperation Act, chapter 791 of the Texas Government Code, and the Public Funds Investment Act, chapter 2256 of the Texas Government Code, provide for the creation of public funds investment pools, such as TexPool, through which political subdivisions and other entities may invest public funds.

The State Comptroller of Public Accounts exercises oversight responsibility over TexPool. Oversight includes the ability to significantly influence operations, designation of management and accountability for fiscal matters. Additionally the State Comptroller has established an advisory board composed of both participants of in TexPool and other persons who do not have a business relationship with TexPool. The advisory board members review the investment policy and management fee structure.

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NOTE 3 – DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS – Continuation

TexPool use amortized cost to value portfolio assets and follows the criteria for GASB Statement No. 79 for use of amortized cost. TexPool, does not place any limitations or restrictions such as notice periods or maximum transaction amounts, on withdrawals. TexPool has a credit rating of AAAm from Standard & Poor's Financial Services. Local government investment pools in this rating category meet the highest standards for credit quality, conservative investment policies, and safety of principle. TexPool invests in a quality portfolio of debt securities investments that are legally permissible for local governments in the state.

Interest rate risk is the risk that adverse changes in interest rates will result in an adverse effect on the fair value of an investment. The County manages its exposure to interest rate risk by maintaining its cash in interest-bearing demand accounts, readily available TexPool shares, or in certificates of deposit with weighted average maturities of one year or less.

Credit risk is the risk that an insurer or other counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligations. State law and County policy limit investments in local government pools to those rated no lower than AAA or an equivalent rating by at least one nationally recognized rating service.

Concentration of credit risk is the risk of loss attributed to the magnitude of a government's investment in a single insurer. As of December 31, 2018, 49% of the County's carrying value of cash was invested in pooled investment accounts. All other cash was deposited with the County's depository bank and was adequately secured as described above.

NOTE 4 – PROPERTY TAX

The State of Texas Constitutional tax rate limit for both operations and debt service is \$.80 on each \$100 of assessed valuation. The tax rate on the 2018 tax roll was \$.429618 per \$100, which means that the County has a tax margin of \$.370382 per \$100 and could raise up to \$738,777 additional revenue from the 2018 assessed valuation of \$199,463,651 before the limit is reached.

The State of Texas Constitutional tax rate limit for the maintenance of farm-to-market roads is \$.30 on each \$100 of assessed valuation. The tax rate on the 2018 tax roll was \$.212013 per \$100, which means that the County has a tax margin of \$.087987 per \$100 and could raise up to \$163,334 additional revenue from the 2018 assessed valuation of \$185,634,300 before the limit is reached.

Real and personal property values are assessed for the period January 1 to December 31, as of January 1 at which date property taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property. Taxes are levied by October 1 of the current year and are collected from October 1 to June 30 of the following year. Payments received in October through December are entitled to discounts offered by the County. Payments received after February 1 are considered late and are subject to penalty and interest. Taxes become delinquent on July 1 of the following year.

NOTE 5 – SALES TAX

The County is entitled by provision of the State of Texas to a one-cent sales tax on all sales that occur within the County. The tax is assessed as a property tax reduction, for the County to use as general revenues. This sales tax is remitted monthly by the Comptroller of the State of Texas.

NOTE 6 – CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets are recorded at cost or, if donated, at fair market value at the date of receipt. In accordance with GASB Statement No. 34, depreciation policies were adopted to include useful lives and classification by function. As stated earlier, the County has opted not to report its infrastructure retroactively.

Capital asset activity for the year ended December 31, 2018 was as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Transfers	Ending Balance
Governmental activities:					
Capital assets, not being depreciated:					
Land and land improvements	\$ 41,108	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 41,108
Construction in progress	137,583	8,057		(137,583)	8,057
Total capital assets, not being					
depreciated	178,691	8,057		(137,583)	49,165
Capital assets, being depreciated:					
Buildings and improvements	2,009,411	18,000	-	-	2,027,411
Infrastructure	52,073	-	-	125,138	177,211
Equipment	1,886,839	406,510	(85,910)	12,445	2,219,884
Total capital assets, being					
depreciated	3,948,323	424,510	(85,910)	137,583	4,424,506
Less accumulated depreciation for:					
Buildings and improvements	(839,981)	(87,609)	-	-	(927,590)
Infrastructure	(2,604)	(4,430)	-	-	(7,034)
Equipment	(1,309,831)	(136,495)	85,377		(1,360,949)
Total accumulated depreciation	(2,152,416)	(228,534)	85,377		(2,295,573)
Total capital assets, being	1 705 007	105.076	(522)	127 502	2 120 022
depreciated, net	1,795,907	195,976	(533)	137,583	2,128,933
Governmental activities capital					
assets, net	\$ 1,974,598	\$ 204,033	\$ (533)	\$ -	\$ 2,178,098

Construction in progress

The County has an active construction project as of December 31, 2018 for improvements to courthouse lighting. As of the December 31, 2018, the County has spent \$8,057 on courthouse lighting and anticipates completing the project within the next year.

NOTE 6 – CAPITAL ASSETS – Continuation

Depreciation expense for the year ended December 31, 2018 was charged to the functions/programs of the primary government as follows:

Governmental activities	
Administrative	\$ 11,671
Judicial	2,547
Public facilities	76,567
Public safety	39,984
Road and bridge	 97,765
Total Depreciation Expense	\$ 228,534

NOTE 7 – RETIREMENT PLAN

Plan Description: Armstrong County provides retirement and death benefits for all of its employees, except temporary employees through a nontraditional defined benefit pension plan in the statewide 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 several nontraditional defined benefit pension 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 and is available at www.tcdrs.org.

Benefits Provided: The plan provisions are adopted by the governing body of the County (employer), within the options available in the Texas state statutes governing TCDRS (TCDRS Act). Members can retire at ages 60 and above with 8 or more years of service, with 30 years of service regardless of age, or when the sum of their age and years of service equals 75 or more. Members are vested after 8 years of service but must leave their accumulated contributions in the plan to receive any employer-financed benefit. Members who withdraw their personal contributions in a lump sum are not entitled to any amounts contributed by the County.

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 County 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.

Employees Covered by Benefit Terms: At December 31, 2017, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

Inactive employees or beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	24
Inactive employees entitled to but not yet receiving benefits	64
Active employees	32

NOTE 7 – RETIREMENT PLAN – Continuation

Contributions: The County has elected the annually determined contribution rate (ADCR) plan provisions of the TCDRS Act. The plan is funded by monthly contributions from both employee members and the County based on the covered payroll of employee members. Under the TCDRS Act, the contribution rate of the County is actuarially determined annually.

The County contributed using the actuarially determined rate of 4.68% for the months of the accounting year in 2017 and 4.79% for the months of the accounting year in 2018. The contribution rate payable by the employee members is 7.0% for fiscal year 2018 as adopted by the governing body of the County. The employee contribution rate and the employer contribution rate may be changed by the governing body of the County within the options available in the TCDRS Act.

Net Pension Asset: The County's net pension asset was measured as of December 31, 2017, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability or asset was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date.

Actuarial Assumptions: The total pension liability in the December 31, 2017 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement.

All actuarial assumptions that determined the total pension liability as of December 31, 2017 were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period January 1, 2013 – December 31, 2016, except where required to be different by GASB 68.

In the 2017 actuarial valuation, assumed life expectancies were adjusted as a result of adopting a new projection scale, 130% of the RP-2014 Healthy Annuitant Mortality Table for males and 110% of the RP-2014 Healthy Annuitant Mortality Table for females, both projected with 110% of the MP-2014 Ultimate scale after 2014.

TCDRS system-wide economic assumptions:

Real rate of return	5.25%
Inflation	2.75%
Long-term investment return	8.00%

The assumed long-term investment return of 8% is net after investment and administrative expenses. It is assumed returns will equal the nominal annual rate of 8% for calculating the actuarial accrued liability and the normal cost contribution rate for the retirement plan of each participating employer.

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 3.25% (made up of 2.75% inflation and 0.5% productivity increase assumptions) and a merit, promotion and longevity component that on average approximates 1.6% per year for a career employee.

NOTE 7 – RETIREMENT PLAN – Continuation

Employer-specific economic assumptions:

Growth in membership 0.00%

Payroll growth for funding calculations 1.50%

The payroll growth assumption is for the aggregate covered payroll of an employer.

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 assumptions and information shown below are provided by TCDRS' investment consultant, Cliffwater LLC. The numbers shown are based on January 2018 information for a 10-year time horizon.

Note that the valuation assumption for long-term expected return is re-assessed at a minimum of every four years, and is set based on a 30-year time horizon; the most recent analysis was performed in 2017.

NOTE 7 – RETIREMENT PLAN – Continuation

The target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

			Geometric Real Rate of Return (Expected Minus Inflation)	
		Target		
Asset Class	Benchmark	Allocation		
US Equities	Dow Jones U.S. Total Stock Market			
	Index	11.50%	4.55%	
Private Equity	Cambridge Associates Global Private			
	Equity & Venture Capital Index	16.00%	7.55%	
Global Equities	MSCI World (net) Index	1.50%	4.85%	
International Equities - Developed	MSCI World Ex USA (net) Index	11.00%	4.55%	
International Equities - Emerging	MSCI Emerging Markets (net) Index	8.00%	5.55%	
Investment-Grade Bonds	Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate			
	Bond Index	3.00%	0.75%	
Strategic Credit	FTSE High-Yield Cash-Pay Capped			
	Index	8.00%	4.12%	
Direct Lending	S&P/LSTA Leveraged Loan Index	10.00%	8.06%	
Distressed Debt	Cambridge Associates Distressed			
	Securities Index	2.00%	6.30%	
REIT Equities	67% FTSE NAREIT Equity REITs			
	Index + 33% S&P Global REIT (net)			
	Index	2.00%	4.05%	
Master Limited Partnerships (MLPs)	Alerian MLP Index	3.00%	6.00%	
Private Real Estate Partnerships	Cambridge Associates Real Estate			
	Index	6.00%	6.25%	
Hedge Funds	Hedge Fund Research, Inc. (HFRI)			
	Funds of Funds Composite Index	18.00%	4.10%	

Discount Rate: The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 8.10%. The discount rate is the single rate of return that, when applied to all projected benefit payments results in an actuarial present value of projected benefit payments equal to the total of the following:

- 1. The actuarial present value of benefit payments projected to be made in future periods in which (a) the amount of the pension plan's fiduciary net position is projected to be greater than the benefit payments that are projected to be made in that period and (b) pension plan assets up to that point are expected to be invested using a strategy to achieve the long-term rate of return, calculated using the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments.
- 2. The actuarial present value of projected benefit payments not included in (1), calculated using the municipal bond rate.

NOTE 7 – RETIREMENT PLAN – Continuation

Therefore, if plan investments in a given future year are greater than projected benefit payments in that year and are invested such that they are expected to earn the long-term rate of return, the discount rate applied to projected benefit payments in that year should be the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments. If future years exist where this is not the case, then an index rate reflecting the yield on a 20-year, tax-exempt municipal bond should be used to discount the projected benefit payments for those years.

The determination of a future date when plan investments are not sufficient to pay projected benefit payments is often referred to as a depletion date projection. A depletion date projection compares projections of the pension plan's fiduciary net position to projected benefit payments and aims to determine a future date, if one exists, when the fiduciary net position is projected to be less than projected benefit payments. If an evaluation of the sufficiency of the projected fiduciary net position compared to projected benefit payments can be made with sufficient reliability without performing a depletion date projection, alternative methods to determine sufficiency may be applied.

In order to determine the discount rate to be used by the employer we have used an alternative method to determine the sufficiency of the fiduciary net position in all future years. Our alternative method reflects the funding requirements under the employer's funding policy and the legal requirements under the TCDRS Act.

- 1. TCDRS has a funding policy where the Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (UAAL) shall be amortized as a level percent of pay over 20-year closed layered periods.
- 2. Under the TCDRS Act, the employer is legally required to make the contribution specified in the funding policy.
- 3. The employer's assets are projected to exceed its accrued liabilities in 20 years or less. When this point is reached, the employer is still required to contribute at least the normal cost.
- 4. Any increased cost due to the adoption of a COLA is required to be funded over a period of 15 years, if applicable.

Based on the above, the projected fiduciary net position is determined to be sufficient compared to projected benefit payments. Based on the expected level of cash flows and investment returns to the system, the fiduciary net position as a percentage of total pension liability is projected to increase from its current level in future years.

Since the projected fiduciary net position is projected to be sufficient to pay projected benefit payments in all future years, the discount rate for purposes of calculating the total pension liability and net pension liability of the employer is equal to the long-term assumed rate of return on investments. This long-term assumed rate of return should be net of investment expenses, but gross of administrative expenses for GASB 68 purposes. Therefore, we have used a discount rate of 8.10%, net of all expenses, increased by 0.10% to be gross of administrative expenses.

NOTE 7 – RETIREMENT PLAN – Continuation

Changes in the Net Pension Liability / (Asset):

		Total Pension Liability (a)		Fiduciary Net Position (b)		Net Pension Liability / (Asset) (a) - (b)	
Balances as of December 31, 2016	\$	2,601,867	\$	2,687,292	\$	(85,425)	
Changes for the year:							
Service cost		88,162		-		88,162	
Interest on total pension liability (1)		210,388		-		210,388	
Effect of plan changes (2)		12,864		-		12,864	
Effect of economic/demographic gains or losses		3,284		-		3,284	
Effect of assumptions changes or inputs		24,216		-		24,216	
Refund of contributions		(27,561)		(27,561)		-	
Benefit payments		(161,410)		(161,410)		-	
Administrative expenses		-		(1,976)		1,976	
Member contributions		-		51,570		(51,570)	
Net investment income		-		390,596		(390,596)	
Employer contributions		-		34,506		(34,506)	
Other (3)				(1,398)		1,398	
Balances as of December 31, 2017	\$	2,751,810	\$	2,971,619	\$	(219,809)	

⁽¹⁾ Reflects the change in the liability due to the time value of money. TCDRS does not charge fees or interest.

Sensitivity of the net pension liability / (asset) to changes in the discount rate: The following presents the net pension liability of the County, calculated using the discount rate of 8.10%, as well as what the County's net pension liability / (asset) would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage point lower (7.10%) or 1 percentage point higher (9.10%) than the current rate.

	1% Decrease 7.10%		Current Discount Rate 8.10%		1% Increase 9.10%	
Total pension liability Fiduciary net position	\$	3,013,964 2,971,619	\$	2,751,810 2,971,619	\$	2,523,770 2,971,619
Net pension liability / (asset)	\$	42,345	\$	(219,809)	\$	(447,849)

⁽²⁾ Reflects plan changes adopted effective 2018.

⁽³⁾ Relates to allocation of system-wide items.

NOTE 7 – RETIREMENT PLAN – Continuation

Pension plan fiduciary net position: Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued TCDRS financial report.

Pension Expense / (Income):

	Janua	ry 1, 2017 to
	Decer	mber 31, 2017
Service cost	\$	88,162
Interest on total pension liability (1)		210,388
Effect of plan changes		12,864
Administrative expenses		1,976
Member contributions		(51,570)
Expected investment return net of investment expenses		(213,451)
Recognition of deferred inflows/outflows of resources		
Recognition of economic/demographic gains or losses		(5,032)
Recognition of assumption changes or inputs		17,073
Recognition of investment gains or losses		18,715
Other (2)		1,398
	-	
Pension expense / (income)	\$	80,523

- (1) Reflects the change in the liability due to the time value of money. TCDRS does not charge fees or interest.
- (2) Relates to allocation of system-wide items.

Deferred Inflows / Outflows of Resources: As of December 31, 2017, the deferred inflows and outflows of resources are as follows:

	Deferred Inflows of Resources			Deferred Outflows of Resources		
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$	-	\$	2,190		
Changes of assumptions Net difference between projected and actual earnings		37,255		16,144 -		
Contributions made subsequent to measurement date		N/A		35,072		

NOTE 7 – RETIREMENT PLAN – Continuation

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Amounts currently reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, excluding contributions made subsequent to the measurement date, will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year ended December 31:	
2018	\$ 27,882
2019	21,026
2020	(32,400)
2021	(35,429)
2022	-
Thereafter	-

NOTE 8 – POSTEMPLOYMENT DEFINED BENEFIT GROUP TERM LIFE INSURANCE PLAN

Plan Description: Armstrong County, Texas participates in the retiree Group Term Life program (GTL) for the Texas County & District Retirement System (TCDRS), which is a statewide, multiple-employer, public employee retirement system. TCDRS issues a publicly available comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR) that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the GTLF. This report is available at www.tcdrs.org. TCDRS' CAFR may also be obtained by writing to the Texas County & District System, P.O. Box 2034, Austin, TX 78768-2034, or by calling 800-823-7782.

Benefits Provided: All full- and part-time non-temporary employees participate in the plan, regardless of the number of hours they work in a year and are eligible for the TCDRS pension plan. Only employers that have elected participation in the retiree Group Term Life program are in included in the other postemployment benefit plan (OPEB). The plan provides a \$5,000 post-retirement death benefit to beneficiaries of service retirees and disability retirees of employers that have elected participation in the GTL program. Contributions made to the retiree GTL Program are held in the GTL Fund. The GTL Fund does not meet the requirements of a trust under paragraph 4b of GASB Statement 75, as the assets of the GTL fund can be used to pay active GTL benefits which are not part of the OPEB plan. Benefit terms are established under the TCDRS Act. Participation in the retiree GTL program is optional and the employer may elect to opt out of (or opt into) coverage as of January 1 each year. The County's contribution rate for the retiree GTL program is calculated annually on an actuarial basis, and is equal to the cost of providing a one-year death benefit equal to \$5,000.

Employees Covered by Benefit Terms: At December 31, 2017, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

Inactive employees or beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	20
Inactive employees entitled to but not yet receiving benefits	12
Active employees	32

Total OPEB Liability: The County's total OPEB liability was measured as of December 31, 2017, and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date.

Actuarial Assumptions: The total OPEB liability in the December 31, 2017 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement.

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NOTE 8 – POST-EMPLOYMENT DEFINED BENEFIT GROUP TERM LIFE INSURANCE PLAN – Continuation

All actuarial assumptions that determined the total OPEB liability as of December 31, 2017 were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period January 1, 2013 – December 31, 2016, except where required to be different by GASB 75.

In the 2017 actuarial valuation, assumed life expectancies were adjusted as a result of adopting a new projection scale, 130% of the RP-2014 Healthy Annuitant Mortality Table for males and 110% of the RP-2014 Healthy Annuitant Mortality Table for females, both projected with 110% of the MP-2014 Ultimate scale after 2014.

Discount Rate: The TCDRS GTL program is treated as an unfunded OPEB plan because the GTL trust covers both actives and retirees and the assets are not segregated for these groups. Under GASB Statement 75 (paragraph 155), the discount rate for an unfunded OPEB plan should be based on 20-year tax-exempt AA or higher Municipal Bonds. Therefore, a discount rate of 3.44% based on the 20 Year Bond GO index published by bondbuyer.com is used as of the measurement date of December 31, 2017.

Changes in the Total OPEB Liability:

	Changes in Total OPEB Liability			
Balances as of December 31, 2016	\$ 90,366			
Changes for the year:				
Service cost	3,121			
Interest on total OPEB liability (1)	3,484			
Changes of benefit terms (2)	-			
Effect of economic/demographic experience	(2,367)			
Effect of assumptions changes or inputs (3)	4,053			
Benefit payments	(2,652)			
Other	 <u>-</u>			
Balances as of December 31, 2017	\$ 96,005			

- (1) Reflects the change in the liability due to the time value of money. TCDRS does not charge fees or interest.
- (2) No plan changes valued.
- (3) Reflects change in discount rate and the new assumptions adopted based on the January 1, 2013 December 31, 2016 Investigation of Experience.

NOTE 8 – POST-EMPLOYMENT DEFINED BENEFIT GROUP TERM LIFE INSURANCE PLAN – Continuation

Sensitivity of the net pension liability / (asset) to changes in the discount rate: The following presents the Total OPEB Liability of the employer, calculated using the discount rate of 3.44%, as well as the what the Total OPEB Liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage point lower (2.44%) or 1 percentage point higher (4.44%) than the current rate. Note that the healthcare cost trend rate does not affect the Total OPEB Liability, so sensitivity to the healthcare cost trend rate is not shown.

		1% Decrease 2.44%		ecrease Disc		Current Discount Rate 3.44%		1% Increase 4.44%	
Total OPEB liability	\$	113,808	\$	96,005	\$	82,221			
OPEB Expense / (Income):		-		ry 1, 2017 to aber 31, 2017	_				
Service cost Interest on total OPEB liability (1) Effect of plan changes Recognition of deferred inflows/outflows of resources Recognition of economic/demographic gains or loss Recognition of assumption changes or inputs Other	ses		\$	3,121 3,484 - (473) 811					
OPEB expense / (income)			\$	6,943					

⁽¹⁾ Reflects the change in the liability due to the time value of money. TCDRS does not charge fees or interest.

Deferred Inflows / Outflows of Resources: As of December 31, 2017, the deferred inflows and outflows of resources are as follows:

	_	red Inflows Resources	Deferred Outflow of Resources	
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$	1,894	\$	-
Changes of assumptions		-		3,242
Contributions made subsequent to measurement date		N/A		2,709

NOTE 8 – POST-EMPLOYMENT DEFINED BENEFIT GROUP TERM LIFE INSURANCE PLAN – Continuation

Amounts currently reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, excluding contributions made subsequent to the measurement date, will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year ended December 31:	
2018	\$ 337
2019	337
2020	337
2021	337
2022	-
Thereafter	_

NOTE 9 – CONCENTRATION OF TAXPAYERS

As of December 31, 2018, the following taxpayers accounted for a significant portion of the County's total tax levy.

				Percent of	
Taxpayer	Industry	Ta	ax Amount	Total Levy	_
Taxpayer A	Railroad	\$	162,635	13.60	%
Taxpayer B	Public Electric Utility		159,398	13.33	

NOTE 10 - INTER-FUND RECEIVABLES, PAYABLES AND TRANSFERS

Fund	Inter-fund Receivables		
General Fund Capital Project Funds:	\$ 37,600	\$	-
Jail Restoration TxDOT Road Grant	 - -		6,802 30,798
	\$ 37,600	\$	37,600

The primary purpose of inter-fund receivables and payables is the loaning of funds from the General Fund to Capital Project Funds for the purpose of meeting current year expenditures.

NOTE 11 – TAX ABATEMENTS

During the year ended December 31, 2015, Armstrong County entered into a 10 year property tax abatement agreement with a business under the Texas Property Redevelopment and Tax Abatement Act. Under the Act, localities may grant tax abatement of up to 100 percent of a business' property tax bill for the purpose of attracting or retaining business within the jurisdictions. The abatement may be granted to any business located within or promising to relocate to Armstrong County. To be eligible the Company agreed to construct improvements consisting of a wind power facility with an anticipated nameplate capacity of approximately 75 megawatts of overall turbine nameplate capacity. The Chief Appraiser will determine the certified appraised value annually pursuant to the terms of the abatement under this agreement. The amount of the abatement will automatically be deducted from the property owner's tax bill. In the event of default the County shall use the certified appraised values which were abated to determine the taxes due. In addition to the commitments for eligibility, the Company has agreed to make payments in lieu of taxes annually in the amount of \$1,500 per megawatt of turbine nameplate capacity during the abatement period; this resulted in payments in lieu of taxes for the current year of \$102,000.

During the year ended December 31, 2016, Armstrong County entered into a 10 year property tax abatement agreement with a business under the Texas Property Redevelopment and Tax Abatement Act. Under the Act, localities may grant tax abatement of up to 100 percent of a business' property tax bill for the purpose of attracting or retaining business within the jurisdictions. The abatement may be granted to any business located within or promising to relocate to Armstrong County. To be eligible the Company agreed to construct improvements consisting of a wind power facility with a minimum nameplate capacity of 25 megawatts of overall Turbine Nameplate Capacity. The Chief Appraiser will determine the certified appraised value annually pursuant to the terms of the abatement under this agreement. The amount of the abatement will automatically be deducted from the property owner's tax bill. In the event of default the County shall use the certified appraised values which were abated to determine the taxes due. In addition to the commitments for eligibility, the Company has agreed to make payments in lieu of taxes annually in the amount of \$1,500 per megawatt of turbine nameplate capacity during the abatement period; this has not resulted in a payment to County as of December 31, 2018 as the Company has not presented a Certificate of Completed Construction to the County.

During the year ended December 31, 2017, Armstrong County entered into a 10 year property tax abatement agreement with a business under the Texas Property Redevelopment and Tax Abatement Act. Under the Act, localities may grant tax abatement of up to 100 percent of a business' property tax bill for the purpose of attracting or retaining business within the jurisdictions. The abatement may be granted to any business located within or promising to relocate to Armstrong County. To be eligible the Company agreed to construct improvements consisting of a wind power facility with an anticipated nameplate capacity of up to 248 megawatts of overall Turbine Nameplate Capacity. The Chief Appraiser will determine the certified appraised value annually pursuant to the terms of the abatement under this agreement. The amount of the abatement will automatically be deducted from the property owner's tax bill. In the event of default the County shall use the certified appraised values which were abated to determine the taxes due. In addition to the commitments for eligibility, the Company has agreed to make payments in lieu of taxes annually in the amount of \$1,500 per megawatt of turbine nameplate capacity during the abatement period; this has not resulted in a payment to County as of December 31, 2018 as the Company has not presented a Certificate of Completed Construction to the County.

NOTE 11 – TAX ABATEMENTS - Continuation

During the year ended December 31, 2017, Armstrong County entered into a 10 year property tax abatement agreement with a business under the Texas Property Redevelopment and Tax Abatement Act. Under the Act, localities may grant tax abatement of up to 100 percent of a business' property tax bill for the purpose of attracting or retaining business within the jurisdictions. The abatement may be granted to any business located within or promising to relocate to Armstrong County. To be eligible the Company agreed to construct improvements consisting of a wind power facility with an anticipated nameplate capacity of up to 248 megawatts of overall Turbine Nameplate Capacity. The Chief Appraiser will determine the certified appraised value annually pursuant to the terms of the abatement under this agreement. The amount of the abatement will automatically be deducted from the property owner's tax bill. In the event of default the County shall use the certified appraised values which were abated to determine the taxes due. In addition to the commitments for eligibility, the Company has agreed to make payments in lieu of taxes annually in the amount of \$1,500 per megawatt of turbine nameplate capacity during the abatement period; this has not resulted in a payment to County as of December 31, 2018 as the Company has not presented a Certificate of Completed Construction to the County.

For the year ended December 31, 2018, Armstrong County abated property taxes totaling \$414,154 under this program, including the following tax abatement agreements:

• A 100 percent tax abatement to Route 66 Wind II, LLC, and the abatement amounted to \$414,154.

NOTE 12 – OPERATING LEASES

The County leases various pieces of equipment under non-cancelable operating leases. Total costs for such leases were \$1,677 for the year ended December 31, 2018. The future minimum lease payments for these are as follows:

. Total Future Lease Payments	\$ 14,423
2022	 2,348
2021	4,025
2020	4,025
2019	\$ 4,025
For Year Ended:	

NOTE 13 – LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

In 2016 the County financed a capital purchase of a CAT motor grader with a local financial institution. Principal and interest payments are to be made annually. The interest rate is 2.02% and the debt is collateralized by the purchased equipment.

In 2016 the County financed a capital purchase of a cab tractor with a local financial institution. Principal and interest payments are to be made annually. The interest rate is 3.00% and the debt is collateralized by the purchased equipment.

In 2018 the County financed a capital purchase of a CAT motor grader with a local financial institution. Principal and interest payments are to be made annually. The interest rate is 3.04% and the debt is collateralized by the purchased equipment.

In 2018 the County financed a capital purchase of a CAT loader with a local financial institution. Principal and interest payments are to be made annually. The interest rate is 4.17% and the debt is collateralized by the purchased equipment.

Long-term liability activity for the year ended December 31, 2018, was as follows:

	Beginning Balance	A	Additions	Ι	Reductions	Ending Balance	ue Within One Year
Governmental activities:		•				_	
Notes payable:							
Caterpillar Financial	\$ 43,252	\$	-	\$	(43,252)	\$ -	\$ -
Public Property							
Finance Contract #6336	8,927		-		(8,927)	-	-
John Deere Financial	3,763		-		(3,763)	-	-
2016 Note Payable	243,120		-		(17,731)	225,389	18,089
2016 Note Payable	40,193		-		(9,607)	30,586	9,895
2018 Note Payable	-		225,341		-	225,341	42,410
2018 Note Payable	-		47,500		-	47,500	8,740
Landfill closure costs	9,216		358		-	9,574	-
Compensated absences	11,001		13,570		(13,576)	 10,995	1,100
Governmental activity							
long-term liabilities	\$ 359,472	\$	286,769	\$	(96,856)	\$ 549,385	\$ 80,234

The County paid interest expense of \$8,468 during the year ended December 31, 2018.

NOTE 13 – LONG-TERM LIABILITIES - Continuation

The annual debt service requirement on long-term liabilities outstanding as of December 31, 2018 is as follows:

		2016 Note Payable (motor grader)			2016 Note Payable (cab tractor)				2018 Note Payable (motor grader)			
Year Ended	 Total	Interest		Principal		Interest		Principal		Interest		Principal
2019	\$ 93,436	\$ 4,553	\$	18,089	\$	918	\$	9,895	\$	6,850	\$	42,410
2020	93,435	4,199		18,443		622		10,190		5,560		43,700
2021	263,426	3,785		188,857		312		10,501		4,224		45,027
2022	59,982	-		-		-		-		2,864		46,397
2023	59,981	-		-		-		-		1,453		47,807
	\$ 570,260	\$ 12,537	\$	225,389	\$	1,852	\$	30,586	\$	20,951	\$	225,341

	(loader)								
(loader)										
Interes	t]	Principal								
\$ 1,98	31 \$	8,740								
1,61	17	9,104								
1,23	36	9,484								
84	41	9,880								
42	29	10,292								
\$ 6,10)4 \$	47,500								

NOTE 14 – ACCOUNTING FOR MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE LANDFILL CLOSURE AND POST-CLOSURE CARE COSTS

State and federal laws and regulations require that most cities and counties place a final cover on its landfill when closed and perform certain maintenance and monitoring functions at the landfill site for thirty years after closure as required under Subtitle D.

NOTE 14 – ACCOUNTING FOR MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE LANDFILL CLOSURE AND POST-CLOSURE CARE COSTS – Continuation

The County has one landfill site permitted as follows: MSW 414. In addition to operating expenses related to current activities of the landfills, an expense provision and related liability are being recognized based on estimated future closure and post closure care costs that will be incurred near or after the date that the landfills no longer accepts solid waste. The estimated total current cost of the landfill closure and post closure care of \$12,860 is based on the amount that would be paid if all equipment, facilities, and services required to close, monitor, and maintain the landfill were acquired as of December 31, 2018. The recognition of the estimated total current cost is based on the amount of the landfills used during the year. The estimated liability for closure and post closure cost accrued on the County's books for the year ended December 31, 2018 was \$9,574, which is based on accumulated usage of landfill area. It is estimated that an additional \$3,286 will be recognized as closure and post closure expenses between the balance sheet date and the date that the landfills are filled to capacity. As of December 31, 2018, the County has used approximately 74.44% of the available landfill capacity for the permit MSW 414. The County expects to close MSW 414 in the year 2040. However, the actual cost of closure and post closure care is subject to change due to inflation, changes in technology, or changes in landfill laws and regulations.

Armstrong County, Texas has demonstrated financial assurance for closure post closure care cost associated with the landfill by satisfying the financial test specified in Sub-chapter K of 31 Texas Administrative Code 330,285(g). In the opinion of County management, all financial assurance requirements have been met at December 31, 2018. The County has the option of securing a surety bond in an amount that approximates the current closure and post-closure care costs in lieu of the financial assurance tests. Armstrong County has secured such a surety bond, in the amount of \$20,000, in addition to meeting the financial assurance requirements required by the Texas Commission of Environmental Quality.

NOTE 15 – RISK MANAGEMENT

The County's major areas of risk management are: public officials', law enforcement, and automobile liability, general comprehensive liability and property damage, workers' compensation, and employee health insurance. The County has obtained insurance with an insurance company and a public entity risk pool in which all risk is transferred to those entities for all the above areas, with the exception of the County not insuring road equipment for property coverage. The County pays a deductible per incident except on the employee health insurance in which the deductible is the responsibility of the employee. There have been no significant reductions in insurance coverage from the prior year and settlements have not exceeded insurance coverage for the current year or the previous three years.

NOTE 16 – PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENT

Net position as of December 31, 2017, as previously reported	\$ 4,010,596
To implement provisions of GASB 75 - OPEB reporting	 (87,712)
Net position as of January 1, 2018, as restated	\$ 3,922,884

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION (UNAUDITED)

ARMSTRONG COUNTY, TEXAS GENERAL

SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018

	Budgeted	l Amounts			
	Original	Final	Actual Amounts	Variance With Final Budget	
REVENUES					
Property taxes	\$ 785,302	\$ 867,288	\$ 828,094	\$ (39,194)	
Payments in lieu of taxes	102,000	102,000	102,000	- ·	
Sales tax	-	-	46,531	46,531	
Licenses and fees	242,188	242,188	246,791	4,603	
Fines and forfeitures	250,000	250,000	196,736	(53,264)	
Intergovernmental	106,404	116,404	141,706	25,302	
Investment earnings	2,455	2,455	16,389	13,934	
Miscellaneous	100	100	19,740	19,640	
Total revenues	1,488,449	1,580,435	1,597,987	17,552	
EXPENDITURES					
Current:					
Administrative					
County judge	50,119	41,323	39,319	2,004	
Dues	3,320	3,320	4,142	(822)	
Other	59,000	236,025	226,295	9,730	
Total administrative	112,439	280,668	269,756	10,912	
Judicial					
County judge	75,779	63,779	62,889	890	
Juvenile services	700	700	65	635	
District clerk	111,925	95,173	91,127	4,046	
Justice of the peace	73,790	63,424	60,991	2,433	
Jury	2,100	2,100	348	1,752	
Other	43,924	43,924	41,632	2,292	
Total judicial	308,218	269,100	257,052	12,048	
Elections					
Administration	8,361	27,456	22,386	5,070	
Total elections	8,361	27,456	22,386	5,070	
Financial administration					
Treasurer	92,205	77,031	74,006	3,025	
County tax assessor/collector	81,462	66,288	62,874	3,414	
County Appraisal District	60,578	58,450	59,475	(1,025)	
Total financial administration	234,245	201,769	196,355	5,414	
Public facilities					
Courthouse maintenance	65,745	55,629	43,997	11,632	
Activity building	6,936	8,499	9,956	(1,457)	
Total public facilities	72,681	64,128	53,953	10,175	
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ARMSTRONG COUNTY, TEXAS

GENERAL

SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018

Continuation				
Corrections and rehabilitation				
Jail housing and booking	\$ 254,578	\$ 214,115	\$ 195,704	\$ 18,411
Supervision	1,800	1,800		1,800
Total corrections and rehabilitation	 256,378	 215,915	195,704	20,211
Public safety				
County sheriff	232,514	222,408	207,005	15,403
Department of public safety	800	844	1,049	(205)
Emergency management	91,441	80,641	84,882	(4,241)
Volunteer Fire Departments	30,000	 65,000	81,000	(16,000)
Total public safety	354,755	368,893	373,936	(5,043)
Community and economic development				
Parks and recreation	600			
Home economic agent	18,138	- 19,447	19,483	(36)
County agricultural agent	46,116	46,425	41,635	4,790
Total community and economic				
development	 64,854	 65,872	61,118	 4,754
Public services				
Indigent health care	46,737	11,854	600	11,254
Court ordered services	9,000	9,000	3,137	5,863
Total public services	55,737	 20,854	 3,737	 17,117
Capital outlay	 3,000	38,000	 64,883	 (26,883)
Total expenditures	 1,414,931	 1,531,801	1,498,880	 36,658
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	73,518	48,634	99,107	 54,210
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers out	 (26,781)	 (26,781)	 <u>-</u>	 26,781
Total other financing sources (uses)	(26,781)	(26,781)	-	26,781
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	46,737	 21,853	99,107	77,254
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING	1,361,589	 1,361,589	1,361,589	
FUND BALANCE - ENDING	\$ 1,408,326	\$ 1,383,442	\$ 1,460,696	\$ 77,254

ARMSTRONG COUNTY, TEXAS

ROAD AND BRIDGE

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018

	Budgeted Amounts							
		Original		Final		Actual Amounts		riance With
REVENUES								
Property taxes	\$	359,102	\$	367,733	\$	379,309	\$	11,576
Licenses and fees		27,900		28,500		24,907		(3,593)
Intergovernmental		52,500		52,500		50,209		(2,291)
Investment earnings		50		50		6,085		6,035
Miscellaneous			-			4,979	-	4,979
Total revenues		439,552		448,783		465,489		16,706
EXPENDITURES								
Current:								
Road and bridge								
Precinct 1		73,181		59,431		58,463		968
Precinct 2		112,692		58,956		55,472		3,484
Precinct 3		84,222		62,356		61,241		1,115
Precinct 4		107,431		69,042		71,103		(2,061)
County-wide		79,910		146,903		85,626		61,277
Landfill		8,897		9,427		8,868		559
Total road and bridge		466,333		406,115		340,773		65,342
Debt Service:								
Principal		=		_		83,280		(83,280)
Interest		-		-		8,468		(8,468)
Capital outlay				69,449		354,184		(284,735)
Total expenditures		466,333		475,564		786,705		(311,141)
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER								
(UNDER) EXPENDITURES		(26,781)		(26,781)		(321,216)		(294,435)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES								
Proceeds from long term debt		-		-		272,841		272,841
Proceeds from sale of capital assets		-		-		3,469		3,469
Transfers in		26,781		26,781		-		(26,781)
Total other financing sources		26,781		26,781		276,310		249,529
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE		-		-		(44,906)		(44,906)
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING		547,950		547,950		547,950		
FUND BALANCE - ENDING	\$	547,950	\$	547,950	\$	503,044	\$	(44,906)

ARMSTRONG COUNTY, TEXAS TEXAS COUNTY NAD DISTRICT RETIREMENT SYSTEM SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN NET PENSION LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS Last 10 Years (will ultimately be displayed)

		Yea	ır En	ded December	31,				
		2017		2016		2015	2014		
Total Pension Liability:									
Service cost	\$	88,162	\$	84,449	\$	91,272	\$	79,674	
Interest on total pension liability		210,388		198,331		187,053		173,152	
Effect of plan changes		12,864		-		(5,509)		-	
Effect of assumption changes or inputs		24,216		_		27,002		_	
Effect of economic/demographic		,				_,,,,,			
(gains) or losses		3,284		(4,704)		(11,325)		6,339	
Benefit payments/refunds of contributions		(188,971)		(163,482)		(108,356)		(99,347)	
r,		(100,5,11)		(100,100)		(100,000)		(22,5211)	
Net change in total pension liability		149,943		114,594		180,137		159,818	
Total pension liability, beginning		2,601,867		2,487,273	_	2,307,136		2,147,318	
Total pension liability, ending (a)	\$	2,751,810	\$	2,601,867	\$	2,487,273	\$	2,307,136	
Fiduciary Net Position:									
Employer contributions	\$	34,506	\$	34,891	\$	38,771	\$	41,969	
Member contributions		51,570		47,986		51,696		47,904	
Investment income net of investment									
expenses		390,596		189,713		(10,739)		163,728	
Benefit payments/refunds of contributions		(188,971)		(163,482)		(108,356)		(99,347)	
Administrative expenses		(1,976)		(2,059)		(1,851)		(1,929)	
Other		(1,398)		20,809		7,133		8,080	
Net change in fiduciary net position		284,327		127,858		(23,346)		160,405	
Fiduciary net position, beginning		2,687,292		2,559,434		2,582,780		2,422,375	
Fiduciary net position, ending (b)	\$	2,971,619	\$	2,687,292	\$	2,559,434	\$	2,582,780	
Net pension liability / (asset),									
ending = $(a) - (b)$	\$	(219,809)	\$	(85,425)	\$	(72,161)	\$	(275,644)	
$\operatorname{chull} g = (a) - (b)$	Φ	(219,009)	Φ	(65,425)	Ф	(72,101)	Ф	(273,044)	
Fiduciary net position as a % of									
total pension liability		107.99%		103.28%		102.90%		111.95%	
Pensionable covered payroll	\$	736,719	\$	685,509	\$	738,508	\$	684,342	
Net pension liability / (asset) as a % of									
covered payroll		-29.84%		-12.46%		-9.77%		-40.28%	

ARMSTRONG COUNTY, TEXAS TEXAS COUNTY AND DISTRICT RETIREMENT SYSTEM SCHEDULE OF EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS

Last 10 Years (will ultimately be displayed)

Year Ending December 31:	De	etuarially etermined ntribution	E	Actual Employer Contribution		Contribution Deficiency (Excess)		ensionable Covered Payroll	Actual Contribution as a % of Covered Payroll
2015	\$	38,771	\$	38,771	\$	-	\$	738,498	5.2%
2016		34,891		34,891		-		688,184	5.1%
2017		34,506		34,506		-		737,311	4.7%
2018		35,072		35,072		-		732,197	4.8%

Notes to Schedule:

Valuation Date Actuarially determined contribution rates are calculated each December 31,

two years prior to the end of the fiscal year in which the contributions are

reported.

Methods and assumptions used to determine contribution rates:

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Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age
Amortization Method	Level percentage of payroll, closed
Remaining Amortization Period	8.8 years (based on contribution rate calculated in 12/31/2017 valuation)
Asset Valuation Method	5-year smoothed market
Inflation	2.75%
Salary increases	Varies by age and service. 4.9% average over career including inflation
Investment rate of return	8.0%, 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	130% of the RP-2014 Healthy Annuitant Mortality Table for males and 110% of the RP-2014 Healthy Annuitant Mortality Table for females, both projected with 110% of the MP-2014 Ultimate scale after 2014.
Changes in Assumptions and Methods Reflected in the Schedule of Employer Contributions	New inflation, mortality and other assumptions were reflected in the Schedule of Employer Contributions for 2015. New mortality assumptions were reflected in the Schedule of Employer Contributions for 2017.
Changes in Plan Provisions Reflected in the Schedule of Employer Contributions	No changes in plan provisions were reflected in the Schedule of Employer Contributions for 2015 or 2016. New Annuity Purchase Rates were reflected in the Schedule of Employer
	Contributions for benefits earned after 2017.

ARMSTRONG COUNTY, TEXAS TEXAS COUNTY AND DISTRICT RETIREMENT SYSTEM SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN TOTAL OPEB LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS

Last 10 Years (will ultimately be displayed as available)

	Year Ended					ilber 51,			
	2017			2016		2015	_	2014	
Total OPEB Liability:									
Service cost	\$	3,121	\$	N/A	\$	N/A	\$	N/A	
Interest on total OPEB liability		3,484		N/A		N/A		N/A	
Effect of plan changes		-		N/A		N/A		N/A	
Effect of assumption changes or inputs Effect of economic/demographic		4,053		N/A		N/A		N/A	
(gains) or losses		(2,367)		N/A		N/A		N/A	
Benefit payments		(2,652)		N/A		N/A		N/A	
Net change in total OPEB liability		5,639		N/A		N/A		N/A	
Total OPEB liability, beginning		90,366		N/A		N/A		N/A	
Total OPEB liability, ending	\$	96,005	\$	N/A	\$	N/A	\$	N/A	
Covered employee payroll	\$	736,719	\$	N/A	\$	N/A	\$	N/A	
Total OPEB liability as a % of covered employee payroll		13.03%		N/A		N/A		N/A	
Notes to Schedule:									
Valuation Timing		rially determi							

which the contributions are reported.

Actuarial Cost Method Entry Age Normal

Amortization Method Straight-Line amortization over Expected Working Life

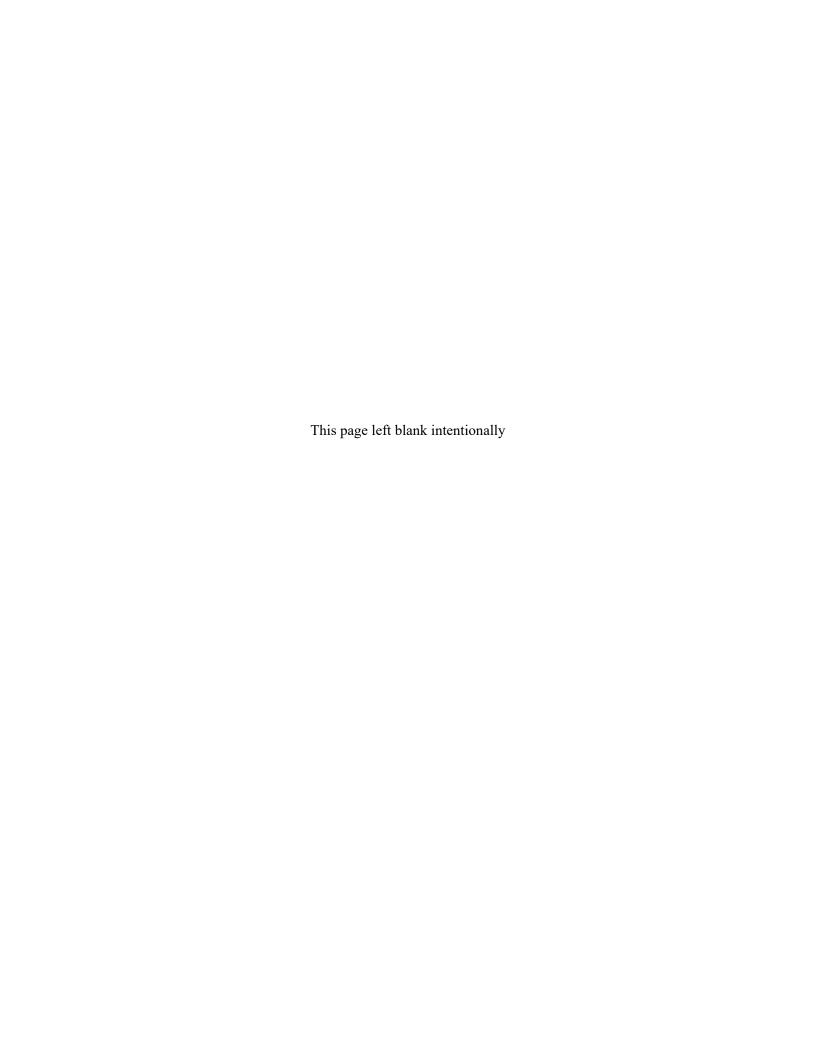
Asset Valuation Method Does not apply

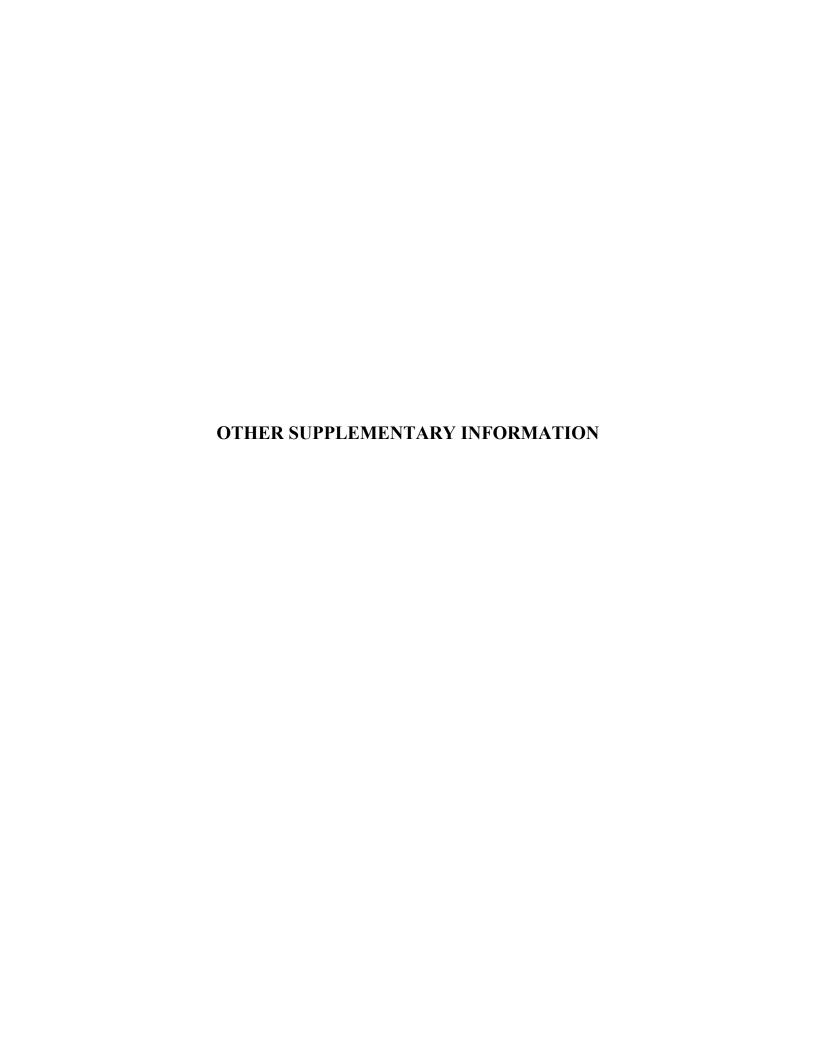
Inflation Does not apply

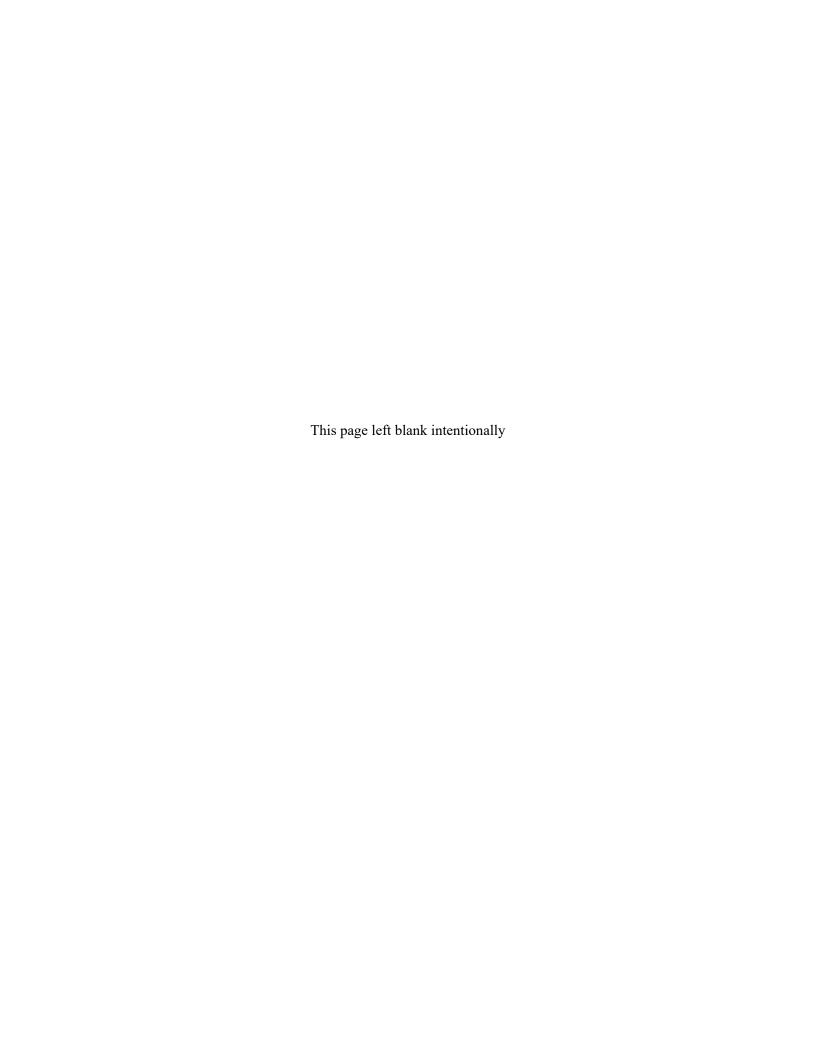
Salary increases Does not apply

Investment rate of return 3.44% (20 Year Bond GO Index published by bondbuyer.com as of

December 28, 2017)







NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

The Special Revenue Funds account for the proceeds of specific sources that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes.

Records Management – The Records Management Fund accounts for fees collected by the County Clerk after the filing and recording of a document in the records office of the Clerk. The fees are dedicated by law to be used for specific records management and preservation purposes of the County.

District Records Management – The District Records Management Fund accounts for fees collected by the District Clerk after the filing of a suit. The fees are dedicated by law to be used for specific records management and preservation purposes.

Archive – The Archive Fund accounts for fees collected by the County Clerk for the recording or filing of public documents. The fees are dedicated by law to be expended only for the preservation and restoration of the County Clerk's record archive.

Courthouse Security – The Courthouse Security Fund accounts for fees collected by the County and District Clerks from all defendants convicted of an offense. The fees are dedicated by law to be used to fund and support security systems and personnel within the District, County or Justice Courts.

Justice Court Technology – The Justice Court Technology Fund accounts for fees collected by the County Clerk from all defendants convicted of a misdemeanor offense in a Justice Court. The fees are dedicated by law to be expended only for the costs of continuing education for justice court judges and clerks regarding technological enhancements for justice courts and the costs of those enhancements.

Task Force Indigent Defense – The Task Force Indigent Defense Fund accounts for fees collected by the County Clerk on all cases heard by a Justice of the Peace. The fees are dedicated by law to aid the defense of an indigent person.

Sheriff Commissary – The Sheriff Commissary Fund accounts for the proceeds received by the Sheriff's office from incarcerated persons on the sale of commissary items. The funds are restricted by law to be used to maintain the commissary and for the benefit of the Sheriff's Department.

Sheriff Seizure – The Sheriff Seizure Fund accounts for the assets and proceeds from the disposition of assets used in the commission of criminal activity and subsequently seized by the office of the County Sheriff. The funds are dedicated by law to be used solely for law enforcement purposes.

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS

The Capital Projects Funds account for financial resources designated for acquisition of fixed assets and construction projects.

Jail Restoration – The Jail Restoration Fund was created to account for the grants received, as well as expenditures for the purpose of restoring and renovating the County Jail.

TxDOT Road Grant – The TxDot Road Grant Fund is a capital projects fund used to account for the grants received, as well as expenditures for the purpose of replacing certain county roads.

Capital Outlay – The Capital Outlay Fund was created to account for funds committed for the purpose of future purchases of capital assets.

ARMSTRONG COUNTY, TEXAS COMBINING BALANCE SHEET NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS DECEMBER 31, 2018

	Special Revenue								
	F Ma	R	District ecords nagement		Archive				
ASSETS	_		_		_				
Cash and cash equivalents Accounts receivable	\$	11,739 130	\$	5,111	\$	31,631 50			
Total assets	\$	11,869	\$	5,136	\$	31,681			
LIABILITIES									
Due to other funds	\$	-	\$		\$	-			
Total liabilities						-			
FUND BALANCES									
Restricted:									
By enabling legislation		11,869		5,136		31,681			
Committed for:									
Capital purchases		-		-		-			
Unassigned (deficit)			-		-				
Total fund balances		11,869		5,136		31,681			
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$	11,869	\$	5,136	\$	31,681			

Special Revenue

urthouse ecurity	e Justice Court Technology				Sheriff Commissary		Sher	iff Seizure	<u> </u>		
\$ 56,731 34	\$	30,330	\$	35,505	\$	1,124	\$	6,172	\$	178,343 239	
\$ 56,765	\$	30,330	\$	35,505	\$	1,124	\$	6,172	\$	178,582	
\$ <u>-</u> -	\$	<u>-</u> -	\$	<u>-</u> -	\$	<u>-</u> -	\$	<u>-</u> -	\$	<u>-</u>	
56,765 - -		30,330		35,505		1,124 - -		6,172 - -		178,582 - -	
56,765		30,330		35,505		1,124		6,172		178,582	
\$ 56,765	\$	30,330	\$	35,505	\$	1,124	\$	6,172	\$	178,582	

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ARMSTRONG COUNTY, TEXAS COMBINING BALANCE SHEET NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS DECEMBER 31, 2018

Continuation	Capital Projects						
ASSETS	Jail R	Capi	Capital Outlay				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	\$ -			\$	6,430	
Accounts receivable			\$			-	
Total assets	\$		\$		\$	6,430	
LIABILITIES							
Due to other funds	\$	6,802	\$	30,798	\$		
Total liabilities		6,802		30,798			
FUND BALANCES							
Restricted:							
By enabling legislation		-		-		-	
Committed for:						(120	
Capital purchases Unassigned (deficit)		(6,802)		(20.709)		6,430	
Onassigned (deficit)		(0,802)	-	(30,798)			
Total fund balances		(6,802)		(30,798)		6,430	
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$		\$	_	\$	6,430	

Capital Projects	
Total	otal Non- Major vernmental Funds
\$ 6,430	\$ 184,773 239
\$ 6,430	\$ 185,012
\$ 37,600	\$ 37,600
 37,600	 37,600
-	178,582
6,430 (37,600)	6,430 (37,600)
(31,170)	147,412
\$ 6,430	\$ 185,012

ARMSTRONG COUNTY, TEXAS COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018

		l Revenue			
		ecords nagement	Re	istrict ecords agement	 Archive
REVENUES					
Licenses and fees	\$	5,444	\$	552	\$ 4,945
Intergovernmental		-		-	-
Investment earnings		-		-	-
Miscellaneous		45			76
Total revenues		5,489		552	 5,021
EXPENDITURES					
Current:					
Administrative		2,203		-	366
Judicial		-		-	-
Public safety				-	
Total expenditures		2,203			366
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER					
(UNDER) EXPENDITURES		3,286		552	4,655
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES		3,286		552	4,655
FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING (DEFICIT)		8,583		4,584	27,026
FUND BALANCES - ENDING (DEFICIT)	\$	11,869	\$	5,136	\$ 31,681

Special Revenue

urthouse ecurity	9		ndigent	Sheriff nmissary	Sheri	ff Seizure	Total		
\$ 6,620	\$	5,831	\$	-	\$ 2,185	\$	-	\$	25,577
-		-		6,338	-		-		6,338
-		-		-	-		95		95
 30							649		800
6,650		5,831		6,338	 2,185		744		32,810
-		-		-	-		-		2,569
1,214		10,368		-	-		-		11,582
 					 1,318		243		1,561
 1,214		10,368		-	 1,318		243		15,712
5,436		(4,537)		6,338	867		501		17,098
5,436		(4,537)		6,338	867		501		17,098
51,329		34,867		29,167	257		5,671		161,484
\$ 56,765	\$	30,330	\$	35,505	\$ 1,124	\$	6,172	\$	178,582

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ARMSTRONG COUNTY, TEXAS COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018

	Capital Projects								
Continuation	TxDOT Road Jail Restoration Grant					Capital Outlay			
REVENUES	Ф		Ф		Ф				
Licenses and fees	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-			
Intergovernmental		-		-		-			
Investment earnings Miscellaneous		-		-		-			
Miscenaneous									
Total revenues		_		_					
EXPENDITURES									
Current:									
Administrative		-		-		-			
Judicial		-		-		-			
Public safety		2,833		-					
Total expenditures		2,833							
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER									
(UNDER) EXPENDITURES		(2,833)		-					
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES		(2,833)		-		-			
FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING (DEFICIT)		(3,969)		(30,798)		6,430			
FUND BALANCES - ENDING (DEFICIT)	\$	(6,802)	\$	(30,798)	\$	6,430			

Capital
Projects

Total	Total Non- Major Governmental Funds
\$ -	\$ 25,577
Ψ -	6,338
_	95
_	800
	32,810
-	2,569
-	11,582
2,833	4,394
2,833	18,545
(2,833)	14,265
(2,833)	14,265
(28,337)	133,147
\$ (31,170)	\$ 147,412

FIDUCIARY FUNDS

AGENCY FUNDS

The Agency Funds account for assets received in the capacity of trustee or agent for the County, other governmental entity or individual.

County and District Clerk – The County and District Clerk Fund accounts for registry funds held by the County and District Clerk.

Justice of the Peace – The Justice of the Peace Fund accounts for registry funds held by the Justice of the Peace.

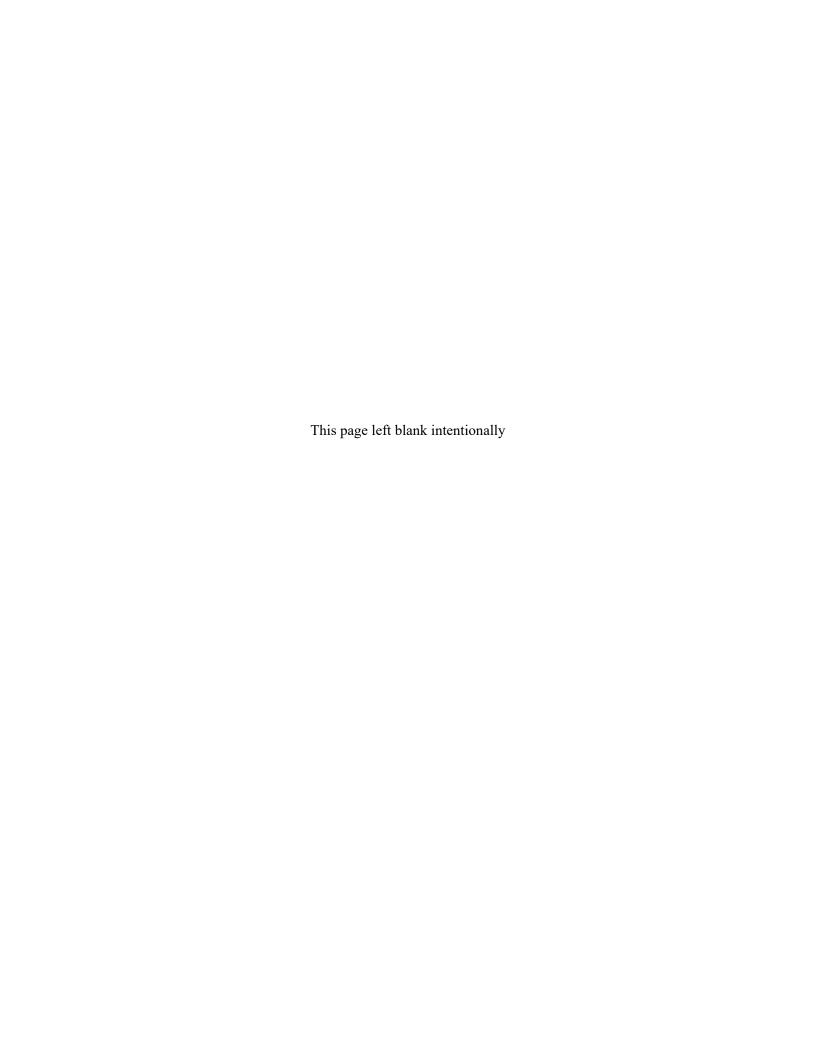
Tax Assessor Collector – The Tax Assessor Collector Fund accounts for money collected by the Tax Assessor Collector and remitted to various taxing jurisdictions.

Inmate Trust – The Inmate Trust Fund accounts for monies being held for the benefit of the inmates in the County Jail.

Cemetery – The Cemetery Fund accounts for donated monies being held for the upkeep and benefit of the County Cemetery.

ARMSTRONG COUNTY, TEXAS COMBINING STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION AGENCY FUNDS DECEMBER 31, 2018

	County and District Clerk		Justices of Tax Assessor the Peace Collector		Inmate Trust Cemetery			Total Agency Funds			
ASSETS Cash and cash equivalents	\$	50,727	\$	2,634	\$ 13,560	\$	921	\$	315,468	\$	383,310
Total assets	\$	50,727	\$	2,634	\$ 13,560	\$	921	\$	315,468	\$	383,310
LIABILITIES											
Due to others	\$	-	\$	2,634	\$ -	\$	-	\$	-	\$	2,634
Due to other governments		-		-	13,560		-		-		13,560
Deposits		50,727		-	 -		921		315,468		367,116
Total liabilities	\$	50,727	\$	2,634	\$ 13,560	\$	921	\$	315,468	\$	383,310



PART III COMPLIANCE



To The Honorable County Judge and Commissioners Comprising the Commissioners' Court of Armstrong County, Texas

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

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Armstrong County, Texas as of and for the year ended December 31, 2018, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Armstrong County, Texas' basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated June 20, 2019.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

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

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

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

Compliance and Other Matters

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

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Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the 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

DOSHIER, PICKENS & FRANCIS, LLC

DOSHIER, PICKENS & FRANCIS, L.L.C.

June 20, 2019