

**ARMSTRONG COUNTY, TEXAS**

**ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT**

**FOR YEAR ENDED  
DECEMBER 31, 2017**

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**PART I**

**INTRODUCTORY SECTION**

**ARMSTRONG COUNTY, TEXAS**  
**PRINCIPAL COUNTY OFFICIALS**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2017**

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

**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, 2017, 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, 2017, 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, and the schedule of employer contributions on pages 34 – 38 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. 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' 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 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 financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

### **Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards***

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 7, 2018, 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, L.L.C.*

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June 7, 2018

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## **BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**ARMSTRONG COUNTY, TEXAS  
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION  
DECEMBER 31, 2017**

	<b>Governmental Activities</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,355,831
Investments	310,026
Accounts receivable, net	111,211
Taxes receivable, net	390,400
Due from other governmental entities	111,695
Prepaid expenses	21,883
Net pension asset	85,425
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	<u>1,974,598</u>
Total assets	<u>4,361,069</u>
<b>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	
Pension contributions	34,506
Pension deficient earnings	158,605
Pension assumption changes	<u>9,001</u>
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>202,112</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Accounts payable	27,437
Due to other governmental entities	155,592
Accrued interest	3,957
Noncurrent liabilities:	
Due within one year	84,380
Due in more than one year	<u>275,092</u>
Total liabilities	<u>546,458</u>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	
Pension economic/demographic gains	<u>6,127</u>
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>6,127</u>
<b>NET POSITION</b>	
Net investment in capital assets	1,631,386
Restricted:	
By enabling legislation	161,484
Unrestricted	<u>2,217,726</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ 4,010,596</u>

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

**ARMSTRONG COUNTY, TEXAS  
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017**

<u>Functions/Programs</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Program Revenues</u>			<u>Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position</u>
		<u>Charges for Services</u>	<u>Operating Grants and Contributions</u>	<u>Capital Grants and Contributions</u>	<u>Primary Governmental Activities</u>
<b>Primary government</b>					
Governmental Activities:					
Administrative	\$ 123,457	\$ -	\$ 25,218	\$ -	\$ (98,239)
Judicial	315,783	282,217	-	-	(33,566)
Elections	9,980	-	-	-	(9,980)
Financial administration	236,213	140,716	-	-	(95,497)
Public facilities	132,492	3,375	-	100,220	(28,897)
Corrections and rehabilitation	245,800	313	-	-	(245,487)
Public safety	395,987	9,141	7,105	-	(379,741)
Road and bridge	397,658	26,098	49,082	-	(322,478)
Community and economic development	69,780	-	-	-	(69,780)
Public service	(700)	-	-	-	700
Interest on long-term debt	9,376	-	-	-	(9,376)
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$ 1,935,826</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 461,860</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 81,405</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 100,220</u></b>	<b><u>(1,292,341)</u></b>
<b>General revenues:</b>					
Taxes:					
Property taxes, levied for general purposes					837,416
Property taxes, levied for road and bridge					383,259
Payments in lieu of taxes					102,000
Sales tax					10,936
Investment earnings					10,474
Miscellaneous					35,433
Gain on disposal of assets					12,986
<b>Total general revenues</b>					<b><u>1,392,504</u></b>
 Change in net position					 100,163
 Net position - beginning					 <u>3,910,433</u>
 Net position - ending					 <u><u>\$ 4,010,596</u></u>

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

**ARMSTRONG COUNTY, TEXAS  
BALANCE SHEET  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
DECEMBER 31, 2017**

	<u>General</u>	<u>Road and Bridge</u>	<u>Non-Major Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 782,625	\$ 404,993	\$ 168,213	\$ 1,355,831
Investments	310,026	-	-	310,026
Accounts receivable, net	110,972	-	239	111,211
Taxes receivable, net	261,799	128,601	-	390,400
Due from other funds	34,767	-	-	34,767
Due from other governmental entities	84,095	27,600	-	111,695
Prepaid expenditures	21,883	-	-	21,883
	<u>1,606,167</u>	<u>561,194</u>	<u>168,452</u>	<u>2,335,813</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 1,606,167</u>	<u>\$ 561,194</u>	<u>\$ 168,452</u>	<u>\$ 2,335,813</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
Accounts payable	\$ 21,488	\$ 5,411	\$ 538	\$ 27,437
Due to other funds	-	-	34,767	34,767
Due to other governmental entities	155,500	92	-	155,592
	<u>176,988</u>	<u>5,503</u>	<u>35,305</u>	<u>217,796</u>
Total liabilities	<u>176,988</u>	<u>5,503</u>	<u>35,305</u>	<u>217,796</u>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>				
Unavailable revenue - property taxes	15,600	7,741	-	23,341
Unavailable revenue - other receivables	51,990	-	-	51,990
	<u>67,590</u>	<u>7,741</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>75,331</u>
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>67,590</u>	<u>7,741</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>75,331</u>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>				
Non-spendable:				
Prepaid expenditures	21,883	-	-	21,883
Restricted:				
By enabling legislation	-	-	161,484	161,484
Committed for:				
Road and bridge	-	547,950	-	547,950
Capital purchases	-	-	6,430	6,430
Unassigned (deficit)	1,339,706	-	(34,767)	1,304,939
	<u>1,361,589</u>	<u>547,950</u>	<u>133,147</u>	<u>2,042,686</u>
Total fund balances	<u>1,361,589</u>	<u>547,950</u>	<u>133,147</u>	<u>2,042,686</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balances	<u>\$ 1,606,167</u>	<u>\$ 561,194</u>	<u>\$ 168,452</u>	<u>\$ 2,335,813</u>

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**ARMSTRONG COUNTY, TEXAS**  
**RECONCILIATION OF THE BALANCE SHEET OF GOVERNMENTAL**  
**FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2017**

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

Total fund balances - governmental funds	\$	2,042,686
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.		1,974,598
Certain accounts receivable are not available to pay for current-period expenditures and, therefore, are shown as unavailable revenues in the fund financial statements		75,331
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.		85,425
Pension losses, deficient earnings, and assumption changes are shown as deferred outflows of resources in the government-wide statements.		
Pension deficient earnings		158,605
Pension assumption changes		9,001
Pension 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.		34,506
Pension gains and excess earnings are shown as deferred inflows of resources in the government-wide statements.		
Pension economic/demographic gains		(6,127)
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		(3,957)
Notes payable		(339,255)
Landfill closure and post-closure costs		(9,216)
Accrued compensated absences		(11,001)
		(11,001)
Net position - governmental activities	\$	4,010,596

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**ARMSTRONG COUNTY, TEXAS**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES**  
**GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017**

	<u>General</u>	<u>Road and Bridge</u>	<u>Non-Major Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Property taxes	\$ 842,674	\$ 386,452	\$ -	\$ 1,229,126
Payments in lieu of taxes	102,000	-	-	102,000
Sales tax	10,936	-	-	10,936
Licenses and fees	216,617	26,098	27,355	270,070
Fines and forfeitures	198,093	-	-	198,093
Intergovernmental	126,530	49,082	6,013	181,625
Investment earnings	7,506	2,923	45	10,474
Miscellaneous	23,416	11,674	343	35,433
	<u>1,527,772</u>	<u>476,229</u>	<u>33,756</u>	<u>2,037,757</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Current:				
Administrative	99,463	-	16,260	115,723
Judicial	283,073	-	11,962	295,035
Elections	9,940	-	-	9,940
Financial administration	231,159	-	-	231,159
Public facilities	56,003	-	-	56,003
Corrections and rehabilitation	239,165	-	-	239,165
Public safety	349,301	-	3,154	352,455
Road and bridge	-	313,131	-	313,131
Community and economic development	69,182	-	-	69,182
Public service	4,085	-	-	4,085
Debt service:				
Principal	-	80,891	-	80,891
Interest	-	10,838	-	10,838
Capital outlay	122,517	55,415	-	177,932
	<u>1,463,888</u>	<u>460,275</u>	<u>31,376</u>	<u>1,955,539</u>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES</b>	<u>63,884</u>	<u>15,954</u>	<u>2,380</u>	<u>82,218</u>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>				
Proceeds from sale of assets	-	24,934	-	24,934
Transfers in	6,624	6,943	3,690	17,257
Transfers out	(10,633)	(4,624)	(2,000)	(17,257)
	<u>(4,009)</u>	<u>27,253</u>	<u>1,690</u>	<u>24,934</u>
<b>NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES</b>	59,875	43,207	4,070	107,152
<b>FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING</b>	<u>1,301,714</u>	<u>504,743</u>	<u>129,077</u>	<u>1,935,534</u>
<b>FUND BALANCES - ENDING</b>	<u>\$ 1,361,589</u>	<u>\$ 547,950</u>	<u>\$ 133,147</u>	<u>\$ 2,042,686</u>

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



**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, 2017**

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

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds:	\$	107,152
<p>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.</p> <p>This is the amount by which depreciation, \$210,646, exceeded capital outlays, \$177,932, in the current period.</p>		
		(32,714)
<p>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.</p>		
		(11,948)
<p>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.</p>		
		(14,754)
<p>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.</p> <p>Principal repayments:</p>		
Note payable		80,891
<p>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:</p>		
Accrued interest on debt, net change		1,462
Compensated absences, net change		1,099
Landfill closure and post-closure costs, net change		4,784
Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions		(50,496)
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions		1,423
Net pension asset, net change		13,264
		13,264
Change in net position - governmental activities	\$	100,163

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**ARMSTRONG COUNTY, TEXAS**  
**STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION**  
**AGENCY FUNDS**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2017**

<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents		\$ 69,335
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Total assets		\$ 69,335
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<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Due to others		\$ 4,300
Due to other governments		10,334
Deposits		54,701
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Total liabilities		\$ 69,335
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The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

**ARMSTRONG COUNTY, TEXAS**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2017**

**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.

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**ARMSTRONG COUNTY, TEXAS**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2017**

**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:

**General Fund** – 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.

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**ARMSTRONG COUNTY, TEXAS**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2017**

**NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – Continuation**

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

Fund-Level Statements – Continuation

**Road and Bridge Fund** – 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:

**Special Revenue Funds** – 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.

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

**Agency Funds** – 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.

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**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 \$527,240.

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 \$50,520.

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**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

**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).

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**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 – Continuation**

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 or resources (expense/expenditure) until then. The government has multiple items that qualify for reporting in this category. They are the contributions and other items related to the County's pension 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 item that qualifies 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 special assessments. These amounts are deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the period that the amounts become available. The other item, *pension economic/demographic gains*, is related to the changes in the County's net pension liability and is reported in the government-wide statement of net position.

**10. Pensions**

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.

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**NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – Continuation**

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

**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:

**Non-spendable Fund Balance** – 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.

**Restricted Fund Balance** – 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.

**Committed Fund Balance** – 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.

**Unassigned Fund Balance** – 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.

**12. Net Position**

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

**Net Investment in Capital Assets** – 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.

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

**Unrestricted Net Position** – This amount includes all net position amounts that do not meet the definition of “net investment in capital assets” or “restricted net position.”

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**NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – Continuation**

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

**13. Fund Balance Policies**

When the County incurs an expenditures 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.
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.

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**NOTE 2 – STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE, AND ACCOUNTABILITY – Continuation**

**A. Budgetary Information – Continuation**

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, 2017, expenditures exceeded appropriations in the following departments of the General Fund: Dues (\$96), Elections Administration (\$2,329), County Appraisal District (\$4,613), Activity Building (\$1,737), Department of Public safety (\$69), Emergency Management (\$2,673), Library (\$8,842), and Capital Outlay (\$88,422). The over expenditures in the General Fund were funded by higher than expected revenues received during the year. Expenditures exceeded appropriations in the following departments of the Road and Bridge Fund: Precinct 3 (\$1,523), and Capital Outlay (\$33,515). The expenditures over budget were funded by lower than expected expenditures in the other departments of the Road and Bridge fund. The Road and Bridge Fund under spent the budget in total by \$42,735.

**C. Deficit Fund Balance**

At December 31, 2017, 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**

Following is a reconciliation of the County's cash and deposit balances as of December 31, 2017:

Cash and deposit balances consist of:

Petty cash funds	\$	2,050
Bank deposits		434,124
Temporary investments - TexPool (interest rate of 1.1764%)		988,992
		988,992
Total	\$	1,425,166

Cash and deposit balances are reported in the basic financial statements as follows:

Government-wide Statement of Net Assets:		
Unrestricted	\$	1,355,831
Fiduciary Funds Statement of Net Assets		69,335
		69,335
Total	\$	1,425,166

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**NOTE 3 – DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS – Continuation**

As of December 31, 2017, the County had the following investments:

<u>Investment Type</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Weighted Average Maturity (Days)</u>
Governmental activities		
Certificates of deposit (interest rate at .55%)	\$ 310,026	
Total fair value	<u>\$ 310,026</u>	
Portfolio weighted average maturity		<u>365</u>

**Custodial credit risk – deposits.** As of December 31, 2017, the carrying amount of the County's deposits with financial institutions was \$744,150 and the bank's balance was \$756,542. Of the bank balance, \$595,615 was insured through the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation (FDIC) and \$160,927 was collateralized with securities held by the pledging institution's agent in the County's name.

As of December 31, 2017, the County had \$988,992 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 the fund. 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 the pool and other persons who do not have a business relationship with either pool. The advisory board members review the investment policy and management fee structure.

The investment pool uses 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, 2017, 57% 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.

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**NOTE 4 – 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, 2017 was as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance
<b>Governmental activities:</b>				
Capital assets, not being depreciated:				
Land and land improvements	\$ 41,108	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 41,108
Construction in progress	125,138	12,445	-	137,583
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	166,246	12,445	-	178,691
Capital assets, being depreciated:				
Buildings and improvements	1,960,263	71,000	(21,852)	2,009,411
Infrastructure	52,073	-	-	52,073
Equipment	1,843,364	94,487	(51,012)	1,886,839
Total capital assets, being depreciated	3,855,700	165,487	(72,864)	3,948,323
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings and improvements	(762,417)	(92,405)	14,841	(839,981)
Infrastructure	(1,302)	(1,302)	-	(2,604)
Equipment	(1,238,967)	(116,939)	46,075	(1,309,831)
Total accumulated depreciation	(2,002,686)	(210,646)	60,916	(2,152,416)
Total capital assets, being depreciated, net	1,853,014	(45,159)	(11,948)	1,795,907
Governmental activities capital assets, net	\$ 2,019,260	\$ (32,714)	\$ (11,948)	\$ 1,974,598

*Construction in progress*

The County has active construction projects as of December 31, 2017 for transportation infrastructure projects on the County road system and the installation of a VoIP telephone system. As of December 31, 2017, the County has spent \$125,138 on the road project and anticipates on spending an estimated \$251,862, comprised of both County and State funds, to finish the project over the next year. As of the December 31, 2017, the County has spent 12,445 on the telephone system and anticipates completing the project within the next year.

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**NOTE 4 – CAPITAL ASSETS – Continuation**

Depreciation expense for the year ended December 31, 2017 was charged to the functions/programs of the primary government as follows:

Governmental activities	
Administrative	\$ 15,684
Financial administration	903
Judicial	2,547
Public facilities	75,967
Public safety	36,811
Road and bridge	78,734
Total Depreciation Expense	\$ 210,646

**NOTE 5 – 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 2017 tax roll was \$.44128 per \$100, which means that the County has a tax margin of \$.355872 per \$100 and could raise up to \$640,052 additional revenue from the 2017 assessed valuation of \$179,854,540 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 2017 tax roll was \$.218671 per \$100, which means that the County has a tax margin of \$.081329 per \$100 and could raise up to \$145,630 additional revenue from the 2017 assessed valuation of \$179,062,540 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 6 – 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.

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**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](http://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 80 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, 2016, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

Inactive employees or beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	22
Inactive employees entitled to but not yet receiving benefits	61
Active employees	32

**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 accounting year 2017. The contribution rate payable by the employee members is 7.0% for fiscal year 2017 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 Liability:** The County's net pension liability was measured as of December 31, 2016, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability or asset was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date.

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**NOTE 7 – RETIREMENT PLAN – Continuation**

**Actuarial Assumptions:** The total pension liability in the December 31, 2016 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	3.00%
Salary increases	Varies by age and service. 4.9% average over career including inflation
Investment rate of return	8%, net of investment expenses, including inflation
Cost-of-living adjustments	None

In the 2015 actuarial valuation, assumed life expectancies were adjusted as a result of adopting a new projection scale (110% of the MP-2014 Ultimate Scale) for 2014 and later. Previously Scale AA had been used. The base table is the RP-2000 table projected with Scale AA to 2014.

The actuarial assumptions that determined the total pension liability as of December 31, 2016 were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period January 1, 2009 – December 31, 2012, except where required to be different by GASB 68.

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 number shown are based on January 2017 information for a 7-10 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 2013.

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**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:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Geometric Real Rate of Return (Expected Minus Inflation)
US Equities	13.50%	4.70%
Private Equity	16.00%	7.70%
Global Equities	1.50%	5.00%
International Equities - Developed	10.00%	4.70%
International Equities - Emerging	7.00%	5.70%
Investment-Grade Bonds	3.00%	0.60%
High-Yield Bonds	3.00%	3.70%
Opportunistic Credit	2.00%	3.83%
Direct Lending	10.00%	8.15%
Distressed Debt	3.00%	6.70%
REIT Equities	2.00%	3.85%
Master Limited Partnerships	3.00%	5.60%
Private Real Estate Partnerships	6.00%	7.20%
Hedge Funds	20.00%	3.85%

**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.

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.

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**NOTE 7 – RETIREMENT PLAN – Continuation**

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.

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**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, 2015	\$ 2,487,273	\$ 2,559,434	\$ (72,161)
Changes for the year:			
Service cost	84,449	-	84,449
Interest on total pension liability (1)	198,331	-	198,331
Effect of plan changes (2)	-	-	-
Effect of economic/demographic gains or losses	(4,704)	-	(4,704)
Effect of assumptions changes or inputs	-	-	-
Refund of contributions	(17,807)	(17,807)	-
Benefit payments	(145,675)	(145,675)	-
Administrative expenses	-	(2,059)	2,059
Member contributions	-	47,986	(47,986)
Net investment income	-	189,713	(189,713)
Employer contributions	-	34,891	(34,891)
Other (3)	-	20,809	(20,809)
Balances as of December 31, 2016	<u>\$ 2,601,867</u>	<u>\$ 2,687,292</u>	<u>\$ (85,425)</u>

(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) Relates to allocation of system-wide items.

**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	\$ 2,853,935	\$ 2,601,867	\$ 2,386,262
Fiduciary net position	<u>2,687,292</u>	<u>2,687,292</u>	<u>2,687,292</u>
Net pension liability / (asset)	<u>\$ 166,643</u>	<u>\$ (85,425)</u>	<u>\$ (301,030)</u>

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**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):**

	January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016
Service cost	\$ 84,449
Interest on total pension liability (1)	198,331
Effect of plan changes	-
Administrative expenses	2,059
Member contributions	(47,986)
Expected investment return net of investment expenses	(204,858)
Recognition of deferred inflows/outflows of resources	
Recognition of economic/demographic gains or losses	(4,014)
Recognition of assumption changes or inputs	9,001
Recognition of investment gains or losses	54,144
Other (2)	(20,809)
Pension expense / (income)	\$ 70,317

(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, 2016, the deferred inflows and outflows of resources are as follows:

	Deferred Inflows of Resources	Deferred Outflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 6,127	\$ -
Changes of assumptions	-	9,001
Net difference between projected and actual earnings	-	158,605
Contributions made subsequent to measurement date	N/A	34,506

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**NOTE 7 – RETIREMENT 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:	
2017	\$ 57,018
2018	54,144
2019	47,288
2020	3,029
2021	-
Thereafter	-

**NOTE 8 – POSTEMPLOYMENT DEFINED BENEFIT GROUP TERM LIFE INSURANCE PLAN**

*Plan Description*

Armstrong County, Texas participates in a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined-benefit group-term life insurance plan operated by the Texas County & District Retirement System (TCDRS). This plan is referred to as the Group Term Life Fund (GLTF). This optional plan provides group term life insurance coverage to current eligible employees. The coverage provided to retired employees is a postemployment benefit other than pension benefits (OPEB). Retired employees are insured for \$5,000.

The GTLF is a separate trust administered by the TCDRS board of trustees. 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](http://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.

*Funding Policy*

Each participating employer contributes to the GTLF at a contractually required rate. An annual actuarial valuation is performed and the contractual rate is determined using the unit credit method for providing one-year term life insurance. Armstrong County, Texas contributions to the GTLF for the years ended December 31, 2017, 2016, and 2015, were \$5,014, \$5,368, and \$5,169, respectively, which equaled the contractually required contributions each year.

**NOTE 9 – CONCENTRATION OF TAXPAYERS**

As of December 31, 2017, the following taxpayers accounted for a significant portion of the County's total tax levy.

<u>Taxpayer</u>	<u>Industry</u>	<u>Tax Amount</u>	<u>Percent of Total Levy</u>
Taxpayer A	Public Electric Utility	\$ 164,657	13.83 %
Taxpayer B	Railroad	151,145	12.70

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**NOTE 10 – INTER-FUND RECEIVABLES, PAYABLES AND TRANSFERS**

Fund	Inter-fund Receivables	Inter-fund Payables
General Fund	\$ 34,767	\$ -
Capital Project Funds:		
Jail Restoration	-	3,969
TxDOT Road Grant	-	30,798
	<u>\$ 34,767</u>	<u>\$ 34,767</u>

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.

Fund	Inter-fund Transfers In	Inter-fund Transfers Out
General Fund	\$ 6,624	\$ 10,633
Special Revenue Fund:		
Road and Bridge	6,943	4,624
Records Management	880	-
Justice Court Technology	2,810	-
Sheriff Seizure	-	2,000
	<u>\$ 17,257</u>	<u>\$ 17,257</u>

The primary purpose for inter-fund transfers is to move revenues from various funds to finance various programs and operations in other funds that the County must account for separately in accordance with budgetary authorizations, including amounts provided as subsidies or matching funds for various grant programs.

**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.

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**NOTE 11 – TAX ABATEMENTS – Continuation**

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For the year ended December 31, 2017, Armstrong County abated property taxes totaling \$476,445 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 \$476,445.

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**NOTE 12 – LONG-TERM LIABILITIES**

In 2013 the County financed capital purchases of heavy equipment with Caterpillar Financial. Principal and interest payments are to be made annually. The interest rate is 3.20% and the debt is collateralized by the purchased equipment

In 2013 the County financed capital purchases of vehicles with Public Property Finance Contract #6336. Principal and interest payments are to be made annually on February 15. The interest rate is 4.90% and the debt is collateralized by the purchased equipment.

In 2015 the County financed capital purchases of heavy equipment with John Deere Financial. Principal and interest payments are to be made annually. The interest rate is 4.00% and the debt is collateralized by the purchased equipment

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.

Long-term liability activity for the year ended December 31, 2017, was as follows:

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>	<u>Due Within One Year</u>
<b>Governmental activities:</b>					
Notes payable:					
Caterpillar Financial	\$ 85,502	\$ -	\$ (42,250)	\$ 43,252	\$ 43,252
Public Property					
Finance Contract #6336	17,429	-	(8,502)	8,927	8,927
John Deere Financial	7,380	-	(3,617)	3,763	3,763
Note Payable	260,500	-	(17,380)	243,120	17,731
Note Payable	49,335	-	(9,142)	40,193	9,607
Landfill closure costs	14,000	-	(4,784)	9,216	-
Compensated absences	12,100	17,485	(18,584)	11,001	1,100
	<u>12,100</u>	<u>17,485</u>	<u>(18,584)</u>	<u>11,001</u>	<u>1,100</u>
Governmental activity					
long-term liabilities	<u>\$ 446,246</u>	<u>\$ 17,485</u>	<u>\$ (104,259)</u>	<u>\$ 359,472</u>	<u>\$ 84,380</u>

The County paid interest expense of \$10,838 during the year ended December 31, 2017.

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**NOTE 12 – LONG-TERM LIABILITIES**

The annual debt service requirement on long-term liabilities outstanding as of December 31, 2017 is as follows:

Year Ended	Total	Caterpillar Financial		Public Property Finance Contract # 6336		John Deere Financial	
		Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal
2018	\$ 91,729	\$ 1,734	\$ 43,252	\$ 444	\$ 8,927	\$ 154	\$ 3,763
2019	33,455	-	-	-	-	-	-
2020	33,455	-	-	-	-	-	-
2021	203,455	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>\$ 362,094</u>	<u>\$ 1,734</u>	<u>\$ 43,252</u>	<u>\$ 444</u>	<u>\$ 8,927</u>	<u>\$ 154</u>	<u>\$ 3,763</u>

Note Payable (motor grader)		Note Payable (cab tractor)	
Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal
\$ 4,911	\$ 17,731	\$ 1,206	\$ 9,607
4,553	18,089	918	9,895
4,199	18,443	622	10,191
3,785	188,857	313	10,500
<u>\$ 17,448</u>	<u>\$ 243,120</u>	<u>\$ 3,059</u>	<u>\$ 40,193</u>

**NOTE 13 – 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, 2017. The future minimum lease payments for these are as follows:

For Year Ended:	
2018	\$ 4,025
2019	4,025
2020	4,025
2021	4,025
2022	2,348
Total Future Lease Payments	<u>\$ 18,448</u>

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**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.

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 \$12,571 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, 2017. 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, 2017 was \$9,216, which is based on accumulated usage of landfill area. It is estimated that an additional \$3,355 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, 2017, the County has used approximately 73.31% 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, 2017. 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.

**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, 2017**

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual Amounts</u>	<u>Variance With Final Budget</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Property taxes	785,302	785,302	842,674	57,372
Payments in lieu of taxes	102,000	102,000	102,000	-
Sales tax	-	-	10,936	10,936
Licenses and fees	242,188	242,188	216,617	(25,571)
Fines and forfeitures	250,000	250,000	198,093	(51,907)
Intergovernmental	106,404	106,404	126,530	20,126
Investment earnings	2,455	2,455	7,506	5,051
Miscellaneous	100	100	23,416	23,316
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Total revenues	1,488,449	1,488,449	1,527,772	39,323
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<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Current:				
Administrative				
County judge	50,119	48,871	45,396	3,475
Dues	3,320	4,976	5,072	(96)
Other	59,000	67,052	48,995	18,057
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Total administrative	112,439	120,899	99,463	21,436
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Judicial				
County judge	75,779	75,929	74,185	1,744
Juvenile services	700	700	32	668
District clerk	111,925	112,675	107,235	5,440
Justice of the peace	73,790	74,807	72,377	2,430
Jury	2,100	2,100	702	1,398
Other	43,924	43,924	28,542	15,382
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Total judicial	308,218	310,135	283,073	27,062
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Elections				
Administration	8,361	7,611	9,940	(2,329)
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Total elections	8,361	7,611	9,940	(2,329)
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Financial administration				
Treasurer	92,205	92,205	91,524	681
County tax assessor/collector	81,462	81,462	74,444	7,018
County Appraisal District	60,578	60,578	65,191	(4,613)
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Total financial administration	234,245	234,245	231,159	3,086
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Public facilities				
Courthouse maintenance	65,745	64,089	46,353	17,736
Activity building	6,936	7,913	9,650	(1,737)
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Total public facilities	72,681	72,002	56,003	15,999
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**ARMSTRONG COUNTY, TEXAS**  
**GENERAL**  
**SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND**  
**CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL**  
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Corrections and rehabilitation				
Jail housing and booking	254,578	237,047	239,165	(2,118)
Supervision	1,800	1,800	-	1,800
	<u>256,378</u>	<u>238,847</u>	<u>239,165</u>	<u>(318)</u>
Total corrections and rehabilitation				
	<u>256,378</u>	<u>238,847</u>	<u>239,165</u>	<u>(318)</u>
Public safety				
County sheriff	232,514	224,403	224,318	85
Department of public safety	800	800	869	(69)
Emergency management	91,441	91,441	94,114	(2,673)
Volunteer Fire Departments	30,000	30,000	30,000	-
	<u>354,755</u>	<u>346,644</u>	<u>349,301</u>	<u>(2,657)</u>
Total public safety				
	<u>354,755</u>	<u>346,644</u>	<u>349,301</u>	<u>(2,657)</u>
Community and economic development				
Parks and recreations	600	600	-	600
Library	-	-	8,842	(8,842)
Home economic agent	18,138	18,138	17,617	521
County agricultural agent	46,116	46,116	42,723	3,393
	<u>64,854</u>	<u>64,854</u>	<u>69,182</u>	<u>(4,328)</u>
Total community and economic development				
	<u>64,854</u>	<u>64,854</u>	<u>69,182</u>	<u>(4,328)</u>
Public services				
Indigent health care	46,737	39,783	360	39,423
Court ordered services	9,000	9,000	3,725	5,275
	<u>55,737</u>	<u>48,783</u>	<u>4,085</u>	<u>44,698</u>
Total public services				
	<u>55,737</u>	<u>48,783</u>	<u>4,085</u>	<u>44,698</u>
Capital outlay	<u>3,000</u>	<u>34,095</u>	<u>122,517</u>	<u>(88,422)</u>
Total expenditures				
	<u>1,414,931</u>	<u>1,429,332</u>	<u>1,463,888</u>	<u>(30,471)</u>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER</b>				
<b>(UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>				
	<u>73,518</u>	<u>59,117</u>	<u>63,884</u>	<u>8,852</u>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>				
Transfers in	-	-	6,624	6,624
Transfers out	(26,781)	(26,781)	(10,633)	16,148
	<u>(26,781)</u>	<u>(26,781)</u>	<u>(4,009)</u>	<u>22,772</u>
Total other financing sources (uses)				
	<u>(26,781)</u>	<u>(26,781)</u>	<u>(4,009)</u>	<u>22,772</u>
<b>NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE</b>				
	46,737	32,336	59,875	27,539
<b>FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING</b>				
	<u>1,301,714</u>	<u>1,301,714</u>	<u>1,301,714</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>FUND BALANCE - ENDING</b>				
	<u>\$ 1,348,451</u>	<u>\$ 1,334,050</u>	<u>\$ 1,361,589</u>	<u>\$ 27,539</u>

**ARMSTRONG COUNTY, TEXAS**  
**ROAD AND BRIDGE**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND**  
**CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017**

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual</u> <u>Amounts</u>	<u>Variance With</u> <u>Final Budget</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Property taxes	359,102	359,102	386,452	27,350
Licenses and fees	27,900	27,900	26,098	(1,802)
Intergovernmental	52,500	52,500	49,082	(3,418)
Investment earnings	50	50	2,923	2,873
Miscellaneous	-	-	11,674	11,674
	<u>439,552</u>	<u>439,552</u>	<u>476,229</u>	<u>36,677</u>
Total revenues				
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Current:				
Road and bridge				
Precinct 1	68,181	68,496	65,019	3,477
Precinct 2	67,706	67,706	49,305	18,401
Precinct 3	84,222	72,322	73,845	(1,523)
Precinct 4	75,031	75,031	60,907	14,124
County-wide	67,910	57,202	54,103	3,099
Landfill	8,897	10,792	9,952	840
	<u>371,947</u>	<u>351,549</u>	<u>313,131</u>	<u>38,418</u>
Total road and bridge				
Debt Service:				
Principal	83,536	82,034	80,891	1,143
Interest	10,850	10,850	10,838	12
Capital outlay	-	21,900	55,415	(33,515)
	<u>466,333</u>	<u>466,333</u>	<u>460,275</u>	<u>6,058</u>
Total expenditures				
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES</b>				
<b>OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	<u>(26,781)</u>	<u>(26,781)</u>	<u>15,954</u>	<u>42,735</u>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>				
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	-	-	24,934	24,934
Transfers in	26,781	26,781	6,943	(19,838)
Transfers out	-	-	(4,624)	(4,624)
	<u>26,781</u>	<u>26,781</u>	<u>27,253</u>	<u>472</u>
Total other financing sources (uses)				
<b>NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE</b>	-	-	43,207	43,207
<b>FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING</b>	<u>504,743</u>	<u>504,743</u>	<u>504,743</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>FUND BALANCE - ENDING</b>	<u>\$ 504,743</u>	<u>\$ 504,743</u>	<u>\$ 547,950</u>	<u>\$ 43,207</u>

**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)**

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2016	2015	2014
<b>Total Pension Liability:</b>			
Service cost	\$ 84,449	\$ 91,272	\$ 79,674
Interest on total pension liability (1)	198,331	187,053	173,152
Effect of plan changes	-	(5,509)	-
Effect of assumption changes or inputs	-	27,002	-
Effect of economic/demographic (gains) or losses	(4,704)	(11,325)	6,339
Benefit payments/refunds of contributions	(163,482)	(108,356)	(99,347)
Net change in total pension liability	114,594	180,137	159,818
Total pension liability, beginning	2,487,273	2,307,136	2,147,318
Total pension liability, ending (a)	<u>\$ 2,601,867</u>	<u>\$ 2,487,273</u>	<u>\$ 2,307,136</u>
<b>Fiduciary Net Position:</b>			
Employer contributions	\$ 34,891	\$ 38,771	\$ 41,969
Member contributions	47,986	51,696	47,904
Investment income net of investment expenses	189,713	(10,739)	163,728
Benefit payments/refunds of contributions	(163,482)	(108,356)	(99,347)
Administrative expenses	(2,059)	(1,851)	(1,929)
Other	20,809	7,133	8,080
Net change in fiduciary net position	127,858	(23,346)	160,405
Fiduciary net position, beginning	2,559,434	2,582,780	2,422,375
Fiduciary net position, ending (b)	<u>\$ 2,687,292</u>	<u>\$ 2,559,434</u>	<u>\$ 2,582,780</u>
Net pension liability / (asset), ending = (a) - (b)	<u>\$ (85,425)</u>	<u>\$ (72,161)</u>	<u>\$ (275,644)</u>
Fiduciary net position as a % of total pension liability	103.28%	102.90%	111.95%
Pensionable covered payroll	\$ 685,509	\$ 738,508	\$ 684,342
Net pension liability as a % of covered payroll	-12.46%	-9.77%	-40.28%





**OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

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## 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, 2017**

	<b>Special Revenue</b>		
	<b>Records Management</b>	<b>District Records Management</b>	<b>Archive</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 8,966	\$ 4,559	\$ 27,001
Accounts receivable	130	25	50
	<b>\$ 9,096</b>	<b>\$ 4,584</b>	<b>\$ 27,051</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Accounts payable	\$ 513	\$ -	\$ 25
Due to other funds	-	-	-
	<b>513</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>			
Restricted:			
By enabling legislation	8,583	4,584	27,026
Committed for:			
Capital purchases	-	-	-
Unassigned (deficit)	-	-	-
	<b>8,583</b>	<b>4,584</b>	<b>27,026</b>
Total fund balances	<b>8,583</b>	<b>4,584</b>	<b>27,026</b>
Total liabilities and fund balances	<b>\$ 9,096</b>	<b>\$ 4,584</b>	<b>\$ 27,051</b>

**Special Revenue**

<b>Courthouse Security</b>	<b>Justice Court Technology</b>	<b>Task Force Indigent Defense</b>	<b>Sheriff Commissary</b>	<b>Sheriff Seizure</b>	<b>Total</b>
\$ 51,295	\$ 34,867	\$ 29,167	\$ 257	\$ 5,671	\$ 161,783
34	-	-	-	-	239
<u>\$ 51,329</u>	<u>\$ 34,867</u>	<u>\$ 29,167</u>	<u>\$ 257</u>	<u>\$ 5,671</u>	<u>\$ 162,022</u>
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 538
-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	538
51,329	34,867	29,167	257	5,671	161,484
-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>51,329</u>	<u>34,867</u>	<u>29,167</u>	<u>257</u>	<u>5,671</u>	<u>161,484</u>
<u>\$ 51,329</u>	<u>\$ 34,867</u>	<u>\$ 29,167</u>	<u>\$ 257</u>	<u>\$ 5,671</u>	<u>\$ 162,022</u>

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**ARMSTRONG COUNTY, TEXAS  
COMBINING BALANCE SHEET  
NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
DECEMBER 31, 2017**

Continuation

	<b>Capital Projects</b>		
	<b>Jail Restoration</b>	<b>TxDOT Road Grant</b>	<b>Capital Outlay</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,430
Accounts receivable	-	-	-
	-	-	-
Total assets	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,430
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Accounts payable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Due to other funds	3,969	30,798	-
	3,969	30,798	-
Total liabilities	3,969	30,798	-
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>			
Restricted:			
By enabling legislation	-	-	-
Committed for:			
Capital purchases	-	-	6,430
Unassigned (deficit)	(3,969)	(30,798)	-
	(3,969)	(30,798)	-
Total fund balances	(3,969)	(30,798)	6,430
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,430

<u>Capital Projects</u>		<u>Total Non- Major Governmental Funds</u>
<u>Total</u>		
\$ 6,430	\$	168,213
-		239
\$ 6,430	\$	168,452
\$ -	\$	538
34,767		34,767
34,767		35,305
-		161,484
6,430		6,430
(34,767)		(34,767)
(28,337)		133,147
\$ 6,430	\$	168,452

**ARMSTRONG COUNTY, TEXAS**  
**COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES**  
**AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE**  
**NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017**

	<u>Special Revenue</u>		
	<u>Records Management</u>	<u>District Records Management</u>	<u>Archive</u>
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Licenses and fees	\$ 5,723	\$ 878	\$ 5,161
Intergovernmental	-	-	-
Investment earnings	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	221	-	22
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Total revenues	5,944	878	5,183
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<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Current:			
Administrative	15,743	-	517
Judicial	-	-	-
Public safety	-	-	-
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Total expenditures	15,743	-	517
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<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	(9,799)	878	4,666
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<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>			
Transfers in	880	-	-
Transfers out	-	-	-
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<b>TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>	880	-	-
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<b>NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES</b>	(8,919)	878	4,666
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<b>FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING (DEFICIT)</b>	17,502	3,706	22,360
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<b>FUND BALANCES - ENDING (DEFICIT)</b>	\$ 8,583	\$ 4,584	\$ 27,026
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**Special Revenue**

<u>Courthouse Security</u>	<u>Justice Court Technology</u>	<u>Task Force Indigent Defense</u>	<u>Sheriff Commissary</u>	<u>Sheriff Seizure</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$ 8,108	\$ 7,317	\$ -	\$ 168	\$ -	\$ 27,355
-	-	6,013	-	-	6,013
-	-	-	-	45	45
-	-	-	-	100	343
<u>8,108</u>	<u>7,317</u>	<u>6,013</u>	<u>168</u>	<u>145</u>	<u>33,756</u>
-	-	-	-	-	16,260
347	11,615	-	-	-	11,962
-	-	-	205	-	205
<u>347</u>	<u>11,615</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>205</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28,427</u>
<u>7,761</u>	<u>(4,298)</u>	<u>6,013</u>	<u>(37)</u>	<u>145</u>	<u>5,329</u>
-	2,810	-	-	-	3,690
-	-	-	-	(2,000)	(2,000)
<u>-</u>	<u>2,810</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,000)</u>	<u>1,690</u>
7,761	(1,488)	6,013	(37)	(1,855)	7,019
<u>43,568</u>	<u>36,355</u>	<u>23,154</u>	<u>294</u>	<u>7,526</u>	<u>154,465</u>
<u>\$ 51,329</u>	<u>\$ 34,867</u>	<u>\$ 29,167</u>	<u>\$ 257</u>	<u>\$ 5,671</u>	<u>\$ 161,484</u>

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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, 2017**

	<u>Capital Projects</u>		
	<u>Jail Restoration</u>	<u>TxDOT Road Grant</u>	<u>Capital Outlay</u>
Continuation			
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Licenses and fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Intergovernmental	-	-	-
Investment earnings	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	-
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Total revenues	-	-	-
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<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Current:			
Administrative	-	-	-
Judicial	-	-	-
Public safety	2,949	-	-
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Total expenditures	2,949	-	-
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<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	(2,949)	-	-
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<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>			
Transfers in	-	-	-
Transfers out	-	-	-
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<b>TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>	-	-	-
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<b>NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES</b>	(2,949)	-	-
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<b>FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING (DEFICIT)</b>	(1,020)	(30,798)	6,430
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<b>FUND BALANCES - ENDING (DEFICIT)</b>	<u>\$ (3,969)</u>	<u>\$ (30,798)</u>	<u>\$ 6,430</u>

<u>Capital Projects</u>		<u>Total Non- Major Governmental Funds</u>
<u>Total</u>		
\$ -	\$	27,355
-		6,013
-		45
-		343
-		33,756
-		16,260
-		11,962
2,949		3,154
2,949		31,376
(2,949)		2,380
-		3,690
-		(2,000)
-		1,690
(2,949)		4,070
(25,388)		129,077
\$ (28,337)	\$	133,147

## **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.

**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.

**ARMSTRONG COUNTY, TEXAS**  
**COMBINING STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION**  
**AGENCY FUNDS**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2017**

	<b>County and District Clerk</b>	<b>Justices of the Peace</b>	<b>Tax Assessor Collector</b>	<b>Total Agency Funds</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 54,405	\$ 4,300	\$ 10,334	\$ 69,335
Total assets	\$ 54,405	\$ 4,300	\$ 10,334	\$ 69,335
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
Due to others	\$ -	\$ 4,300	\$ -	\$ 4,300
Due to other governments	-	-	10,334	10,334
Deposits	54,405	-	-	54,701
Total liabilities	\$ 54,405	\$ 4,300	\$ 10,334	\$ 69,335

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**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, 2017, 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 7, 2018.

**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*.



**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, L.L.C.

DOSHIER, PICKENS & FRANCIS, LLC

June 7, 2018