STATUTORY REPORT

LATIMER COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE TRUST AUTHORITY

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015





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TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LATIMER COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE TRUST AUTHORITY

Transmitted herewith is the audit report of Latimer County Emergency Medical Service Trust Authority for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015.

The goal of the State Auditor and Inspector is to promote accountability and fiscal integrity in state and local government. Maintaining our independence as we provide this service to the taxpayers of Oklahoma is of utmost importance.

We wish to take this opportunity to express our appreciation for the assistance and cooperation extended to our office during our engagement.

Sincerely,

GARY A. JONES, CPA, CFE OKLAHOMA STATE AUDITOR & INSPECTOR

Presentation of Collections, Disbursements, and Cash Balances of Authority Funds for FY 2015.

| | F | FY 2015 | |
|--------------------------------|----|---------|--|
| Beginning Cash Balance, July 1 | \$ | 477,941 | |
| Collections | | | |
| Ad Valorem Tax | | 178,379 | |
| Charges for Services | | 7,402 | |
| Total Collections | | 185,780 | |
| Disbursements | | | |
| Contract for Personal Services | | 150,000 | |
| Maintenance and Operations | | 14,036 | |
| Capital Outlay | | - | |
| Audit Expense | | - | |
| Total Disbursements | | 164,036 | |
| Ending Cash Balance, June 30 | \$ | 499,685 | |

Source: Authority Estimate of Needs (presented for informational purposes)



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TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LATIMER COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE TRUST AUTHORITY

For the purpose of complying with 19 O.S. § 1706.1, we have performed the following procedures:

- Determined that receipts were properly deposited and accurately reported in the accounting records.
- Determined cash balances were accurately reported in the accounting records.
- Determined whether deposits and invested funds were secured by pledged collateral.
- Determined that disbursements were properly supported, were made for purposes outlined in 19 O.S. § 1710.1, and were accurately reported in the accounting records.
- Determined that all purchases requiring bids complied with 19 O.S. § 1723.
- Determined that payroll expenditures were accurately reported in the accounting records and supporting documentation of leave records was maintained.
- Determined that fixed assets records were properly maintained.
- Determined whether the Authority's collections, disbursements, and cash balances for FY 2015 were accurately presented on the estimate of needs.

All information included in the records of the Authority is the representation of the Latimer Emergency Medical Service Trust Authority.

Our emergency medical service district statutory engagement was limited to the procedures performed above and was less in scope than an audit performed in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on any basic financial statement of the Latimer Emergency Medical Service Trust Authority.

Based on our procedures performed, we have presented our findings in the accompanying schedule.

This report is intended for the information and use of the management of the Latimer County Emergency Medical Service Trust Authority. This restriction is not intended to limit the distribution of this report, which is a matter of public record.

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June 1, 2016

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES

Finding 2015-1 – Inadequate Internal Controls and Noncompliance Over Audit Expense Budget Account (Repeat Finding)

Condition: Upon inquiry and observation of the budgeting process, it was determined that internal controls have not been designed and implemented to ensure the amount required by statute is correctly budgeted for the audit budget account.

It was further noted, that Latimer County Emergency Medical Service Trust Authority (the Authority) has not carried forward the balance into the audit expense budget account each fiscal year. As a result, the Authority's balance in the audit expense budget account as of June 30, 2015 was not budgeted. The correct balance should have been \$33,985, leaving an underfunded account balance of \$33,985.

Cause of Condition: Policies and procedures have not been designed and implemented to ensure the audit expense budget account is accurately budgeted in accordance with statutory requirements.

Effect of Condition: This condition resulted in noncompliance with the state statute and the audit expense budget account being underfunded.

Recommendation: The Oklahoma State Auditor & Inspector's Office (OSAI) recommends the District implement a system of internal controls to provide reasonable assurance that one-tenth mill upon the net total assessed valuation be set aside in the audit account and that any unused portion be carried forward into the next year audit account in accordance with 19 O.S. § 1706.1.

Management Response:

Chairman of the Board: We will ensure the audit expense budget account is properly budgeted.

Criteria: Accountability and stewardship are overall goals of management in the accounting of funds. A component objective of an effective internal control system is to provide accurate and reliable information through proper review and approval.

Title 19 O.S. § 1706.1 states in part "The net proceeds of the one-tenth mill annual ad valorem levy upon the net total assessed valuation in any emergency medical service district for any year which shall be authorized and mandatorily required to be appropriated and dedicated to emergency medical service district audit"

Finding 2015-2 – Inadequate Internal Controls and Noncompliance Over Board Meeting Documentation (Repeat Finding)

Condition: While reviewing Authority Board minutes the following exceptions were noted:

• Board minutes for two (2) regular monthly meetings could not be located.

Cause of Condition: Policies and procedures have not been designed and implemented to ensure that all relevant discussions in the Authority meetings are properly documented in the minutes in accordance with state statute.

Effect of Condition: This condition resulted in noncompliance with the state statue regarding the Open Meeting Act concerning the existence and retention of board meeting minutes.

Recommendation: OSAI recommends the Authority maintain written minutes for all board meetings to ensure compliance with Title 25 O.S. § 312.A.

Management Response:

Chairman of the Board: One meeting minutes had not been typed and approved yet. We will attempt to locate the missing meeting minutes and ensure all meeting minutes are document and kept on file.

Criteria: Title 25 O.S. § 312.A states: "The proceedings of a public body shall be kept by a person so designated by such public body in the form of written minutes which shall be an official summary of the proceedings showing clearly those members present and absent, all matters considered by the public body, and all actions taken by such public body. The minutes of each meeting shall be open to public inspection and shall reflect the manner and time of notice required by this act."



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