

Independent Auditor's Report

Murray County 911 Trust Authority

Year Ended June 30, 2024

**MURRAY COUNTY 911 TRUST AUTHORITY
SULPHUR, OKLAHOMA
June 30, 2024**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Honorable Board of Trustees
Murray County 911 Trust Authority
Sulphur, Oklahoma

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying modified cash basis financial statements of the business-type activities of Murray County 911 Trust Authority, Sulphur, Oklahoma, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Authority's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective modified cash basis financial position of the business-type activities of Murray County 911 Trust Authority, Sulphur, Oklahoma, as of June 30, 2024, and the respective changes in modified cash basis financial position, and cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting described in Note 1.

Basis for Opinion

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. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of Murray County 911 Trust Authority, Sulphur, Oklahoma and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 of the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared on the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting described in Note 1, and for determining that the modified cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statements in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

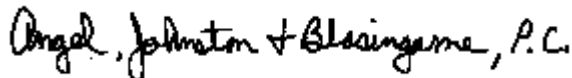
- Exercise professional judgement and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Authority's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.

- Conclude whether, in our judgement, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Authority's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 28, 2024, on our consideration of the Authority's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Authority's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Authority's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



Chickasha, Oklahoma
October 28, 2024

MURRAY COUNTY 911 TRUST AUTHORITY
Statement of Net Position
Modified Cash Basis
June 30, 2024

ASSETS

Current Assets

Cash and cash equivalents	\$	219,381
Investments		<u>84,570</u>
<i>Total Current Assets</i>		<u>303,951</u>

LIABILITIES

<i>Total Liabilities</i>		<u><u>-</u></u>
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NET POSITION

Unrestricted		<u>303,951</u>
<i>Total Net Position</i>	\$	<u><u>303,951</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

MURRAY COUNTY 911 TRUST AUTHORITY
Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position
Modified Cash Basis
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Operating Revenues

Dispatch service fees	\$ 415,667
Telephone service fees	19,413
911 Emergency wireless fees	184,557
<i>Total Operating Revenues</i>	<u>619,637</u>

Operating Expenses

Employee benefits	375
Equipment	296
Lease	80,782
Maintenance & repair	1,295
Murray County Treasurer	573,752
Office expense	118
Professional fees	7,900
Service charge	7
Software & support	61,837
Postage	66
<i>Total Operating Expenses</i>	<u>726,428</u>

<i>Operating Income (Loss)</i>	<u>(106,791)</u>
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Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses)

Interest income	3,006
Miscellaneous income	27,440
<i>Total Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses)</i>	<u>30,446</u>

<i>Change in Net Position</i>	<u>(76,345)</u>
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<i>Net Position - Beginning of Year</i>	<u>380,296</u>
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<i>Net Position - End of Year</i>	<u><u>\$ 303,951</u></u>
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

MURRAY COUNTY 911 TRUST AUTHORITY
Statement of Cash Flows
Modified Cash Basis
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Cash flows from operating activities

Receipts from customers	\$ 619,637
Payments to vendors	(726,428)
<i>Net cash provided by (used for) operating activities</i>	<u>(106,791)</u>

Cash flows from investing activities

Interest income	616
Miscellaneous income	27,440
<i>Net cash provided by (used for) investing activities</i>	<u>28,056</u>

<i>Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</i>	(78,735)
<i>Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year</i>	298,116
<i>Cash and cash equivalents at end of year</i>	<u>\$ 219,381</u>

**Reconciliation of operating income (loss) to net cash
provided (used) by operating activities**

Operating income (loss)	\$ <u>(106,791)</u>
<i>Net cash provided by (used for) operating activities</i>	<u>\$ (106,791)</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

MURRAY COUNTY 911 TRUST AUTHORITY
Notes to Basic Financial Statements
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

1.A. Reporting Entity

Murray County 911 Trust Authority, Sulphur, Oklahoma was created by a trust indenture dated July 29, 2002, pursuant to Title 60 of O.S. 1991, Section 176 to 180.3, inclusive. The purpose of this trust is to provide to the residents of Murray County the highest quality emergency services possible with the shortest response time possible.

Related Organizations

Murray County - Murray County is the beneficiary of the trust. The board of commissioners of Murray County appoint successor trustees, however, the Authority is not fiscally dependent upon the County. Therefore, the Authority is not considered to be a component unit of Murray County, but the Authority is considered to be a political subdivision of Murray County.

1.B. Basis of Presentation

The Authority's fund is an enterprise fund. Enterprise funds are proprietary funds used to account for business-like activities provided to the general public. All of the activities of the Authority are business-type activities. These activities are financed primarily by user charges and the measurement of financial activity focuses on net income measurement similar to the private sector.

1.C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

Measurement focus refers to how transactions are recorded within the various financial statements. Basis of accounting refers to when transactions are recognized and recorded in the financial statements regardless of the measurement focus applied.

The Authority's financial statements use the economic resources measurement focus and are presented on the modified cash basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when they are received and expenses are recorded when paid, with the following modifications:

- Investments

This is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. If the Authority utilized the basis of accounting recognized as generally accepted, the financial statements would use the accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recorded when the liability is incurred.

MURRAY COUNTY 911 TRUST AUTHORITY
Notes to Basic Financial Statements
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, (continued)

1.D. Assets, Liabilities and Net Position

Cash and Cash Equivalents - The Authority considers all cash on hand, demand deposits, interest bearing checking accounts and time deposit accounts including certificates of deposit and U.S. Treasury bills with maturities of three months or less to be cash and cash equivalents.

Investments – Investments consist of a certificate of deposit maturing beyond three months. Investments are stated at cost.

Net Position – Net Position is divided into three components:

- a. *Net Investment in Capital Assets* – Consists of capital assets including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowings that are attributed to the acquisition, construction, or improvements of those assets.
- b. *Restricted net position* – Consists of net assets with constraints placed on the use either by 1) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws and regulations of other governments, or 2) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- c. *Unrestricted net position* – All other net assets that do not meet the definition of “restricted” or “net investment in capital assets.”

It is the Authority’s policy to first use restricted net position prior to the use of unrestricted net position when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position are available.

1.E. Revenues and Expenses

Operating and Non-Operating Revenues - Operating revenues are considered those whose cash flows are related to operating activities, while revenues related to financing, capital and investing activities are reported as non-operating.

Expenses - The Authority reports expenses relating to the use of economic resources.

1. F. Estimates

Certain estimates are made in the preparation of the modified cash basis financial statements, such as estimated lives for capital assets depreciation. Estimates are based on management’s best judgments and may vary from actual results.

MURRAY COUNTY 911 TRUST AUTHORITY

Notes to Basic Financial Statements

For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Note 2 – Deposits, Investments and Collateral

Deposits and Investments - The Authority does not have a written investment policy that limits its investment choices. Investments are limited by State Statute and declaration of trust.

Custodial Credit Risk - Deposits - Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the Authority's deposits may not be returned to it. The Authority does not have a written policy for custodial risk, but Oklahoma Statutes require collateral for all uninsured deposits of public trust funds in financial institutions. The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation insures deposits up to \$250,000 at each institution for all demand deposit accounts and up to \$250,000 at each institution for all time and savings accounts. At June 30, 2024, the Authority was not exposed to custodial credit risk.

Note 3 – Risk Management

The Authority is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, errors and omissions. The Authority carries surety bonds and property insurance to mitigate the risk of loss associated with torts, errors and omissions. They have a policy with the Association of County Commissioners of Oklahoma Self-Insurance Group (ACCO-SIG) consisting of the following coverage:

Blanket Bond Coverage -	\$ 100,000
Casualty (General Liability) -	\$1,000,000

Coverage is subject to a \$10,000 deductible. There have been no significant reductions in coverage from the prior year and settlements have not exceeded coverage in the past 3 years.

Note 4 – Commitments and Contingencies.

The Authority is not involved with any legal proceedings, which normally occur in the course of governmental operations at this time. While legal proceedings cannot be foreseen, the Authority feels that any settlement or judgment not covered by insurance would not have a material effect on the financial condition of the Authority.

Note 5 – Subsequent Events

The Authority entered into an agreement with GAR and ODEMHS for grant F713231-S108 in the amount of \$58,980. This grant will be used solely for the purposes stated in the approved project award, provide scope of work, costs and overall project goals approved by the 911 Management Authority Board Members. The Authority has entered into an agreement with NexGen 9-1-1, an Oklahoma Local 911 Public Safety Answering Point. The funds will be disbursed to the Authority in fiscal year 2025.

***REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL
AND COMPLIANCE***

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S 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***

The Honorable Board of Trustees
Murray County 911 Trust Authority
Sulphur, Oklahoma

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 modified cash basis financial statements of the business-type activities of the Murray County 911 Trust Authority, Sulphur, Oklahoma, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Authority's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated, October 28, 2024. Our report on the financial statements disclosed, that, as described in Note 1 to the financial statements, the Authority prepares its financial statements on a modified cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Murray County 911 Trust Authority, Sulphur, Oklahoma's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Authority's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Authority's 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 and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. We identified certain deficiencies in internal

control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses as items 2024-001 that we consider to be material weaknesses.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

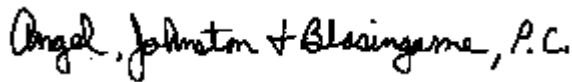
As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Murray County 911 Trust Authority, Sulphur, Oklahoma's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. 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 instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and which are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses as items 2024-001.

Murray County 911 Trust Authority, Sulphur, Oklahoma's, Response to Findings

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the Murray County 911 Trust Authority, Sulphur, Oklahoma's response to the findings identified in our audit and described in the accompanying corrective action plan. The Authority's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

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.



Chickasha, Oklahoma
October 28, 2024

MURRAY COUNTY 911 TRUST AUTHORITY
Schedule of Findings and Responses
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

2024-001 *Criteria* – GAO Standards – Principal 10 – Design Control Activities – 10.12 and 10.14 state “Management considers segregation of duties in designing control activity responsibilities so that incompatible duties are segregated and, where such segregation is not practical, designs alternative control activities to address the risk. If segregation of duties is not practical within an operational process because of limited personnel or other factors, management designs alternative control activities to address the risk of fraud, waste, or abuse in the operational process.”

Condition – Presently the same individual performs all accounting functions; receives checks, makes bank deposits, write checks, reconciles the monthly bank statements and prepares financial summaries.

Cause – The Authority’s limited size and staffing resources have made it difficult for management to provide sufficient staffing to fully segregate incompatible duties in a cost-effective manner.

Effect or Potential Effect – Without sufficient segregation of duties, the risk significantly increases that errors and fraud related to the accounting functions, including misappropriation of assets, could occur and not be detected within a timely basis.

Recommendation – We recommend that one person receive the checks, prepare the deposit slip and reconcile the bank account. A different person should take the deposit to the bank. A board member should review all bank statements and document approval of each reconciliation. For example: County Clerk – receive checks and prepare deposit slip; County Treasurer – take deposits to the bank; County Clerk – reconcile bank statement; Board Member – review bank statements and approve (sign) reconciliation.

Management Response – See Corrective Action Plan.

MURRAY COUNTY 911 TRUST AUTHORITY
Schedule of Prior Year Audit Findings
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

2023-001 *Condition* – Presently the same individual performs all accounting functions; receives checks, makes bank deposits, write checks, reconciles the monthly bank statements and prepares financial summaries.

Current Status – Condition still exists.

AUTHORITY'S CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN

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TRUST AUTHORITY
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**AUDIT FINDINGS
CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN**

AUDIT YEAR 2024

AUDIT FINDING #: 2024-001

MANAGEMENT RESPONSE: Murray County 911 Trust Authority assigned the financial management responsibilities to the Murray County Clerk's Office in May 2019. The County Clerk's office has 4 employees and all 4 employees are involved in a rotation of those responsibilities. The clerk's office currently receives 3 hardcopy checks monthly from the City of Davis, City of Sulphur and Murray County for dispatch fees. When those checks are received, a deposit is created by an employee, then taken to the bank. The completed deposit is entered into a Client Summary Report and also into the checkbook. All other revenue is either paid annually or is directed deposited.

Meetings are held monthly, so if any bills need to be paid, a cash claim is created along with supporting documentation and presented to the board. Upon review, the claim is either approved or denied. If approved, a check is written and signed by authorized signatories. The cash claim is then reviewed again by an employee in the County Clerk's office and signed off by that employee.

The bank statement is received sometime after the first of the month and an employee will reconcile with the checkbook and Client Summary report, then initial and date. A second employee will review and sign off on the bank statement and also the checkbook. At the next meeting, the bank statement along with documentation is reviewed by the board and initialed.


COLT WILLIAMS, VICE-CHAIRMAN

10-30-2024
DATE