# HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA SHERIFF

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

# **SEPTEMBER 30, 2016**

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## **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**

Honorable Al Nienhuis Sheriff Hernando County, Florida

#### **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Hernando County, Florida, Sheriff (the Sheriff), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Sheriff's 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 auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

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

#### **Opinions**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Sheriff as of September 30, 2016, and the respective changes in financial position, budgetary comparisons, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof, for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### **Certified Public Accountants**

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT (Concluded)

#### **Emphasis of Matter – Incomplete Presentation**

As discussed in Note 1 to the financial statements, the financial statements referred to above were prepared solely for the purpose of complying with the *Rules of the Auditor General* of the State of Florida (the Rules). In conformity with the Rules, the accompanying financial statements are intended to present the financial position, changes in financial position, budgetary comparisons, and cash flows of each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information, where applicable, only for that portion of the major funds and the aggregate remaining fund information of Hernando County, Florida, that is attributable to the Sheriff. They do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position, budgetary comparisons, or cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

#### **Other Matters**

#### Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Sheriff's financial statements. The supplementary information, as listed in the table of contents, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements.

The other financial information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. Such 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 to 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 other financial 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 January 6, 2017, on our consideration of the Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on 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 Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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January 6, 2017 Sarasota, Florida

# HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA SHERIFF BALANCE SHEET GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

		General		Federal orfeitures		E-911		Federal Inmates		Nonmajor overnmental Funds		Total
Assets		General		orrentures		L-711		minates		Fullus		10141
Cash and Cash												
Equivalents	\$	3,012,982	\$	832,552	\$	665,875	\$	1,210,705	\$	1,195,984	\$	6,918,098
Accounts Receivable	Ŧ	0	Ŧ	0	Ŧ	0	Ŧ	0	Ŧ	20,312	Ŧ	20,312
Due from Other Funds		21,500		0		0		0		10,834		32,334
Due from Other		,								- ,		- ,
Governments		35,658		0		187,071		189,933		37,639		450,301
Total Assets		3,070,140		832,552		852,946		1,400,638		1,264,769		7,421,045
Liabilities, Deferred												
Inflows, and Fund												
Balances												
Liabilities												
Accounts Payable		636,222		0		11,679		0		10,290		658,191
Accrued Wages and		000,222		Ŭ		11,075		Ũ		10,220		000,171
Benefits Payable		1,630,332		0		8,615		0		11,674		1,650,621
Due to Hernando		, ,				,				,		, ,
County, Florida,												
Board of County												
Commissioners		803,566		0		0		0		0		803,566
Due to Other												
Governments		20		0		0		0		0		20
Deposits		0		0		0		0		140		140
Total Liabilities		3,070,140		0		20,294		0		22,104		3,112,538
<b>Deferred Inflows</b>												
Unavailable Revenues		0		0		124,714		37,761		0		162,475
Fund Balances												
Restricted for:												
Law Enforcement												
Activities		0		832,552		0		0		113,247		945,799
Communications		0		0		707,938		0		212,071		920,009
Education and												
Training		0		0		0		0		470,618		470,618
Inmate Benefits		0		0		0		1,362,877		441,535		1,804,412
Other		0		0		0		0		5,194		5,194
<b>Total Fund Balances</b>		0		832,552		707,938		1,362,877		1,242,665		4,146,032
Total Liabilities,												
<b>Deferred Inflows</b> ,												
and Fund Balances	\$	3,070,140	\$	832,552	\$	852,946	\$	1,400,638	\$	1,264,769	\$	7,421,045

# HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA SHERIFF STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

	General	Federal Forfeitures	E-911	Federal Inmates	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total
Revenues						
Intergovernmental	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 162,889	\$ 162,889
Charges for Services	1,577,875	0	750,481	1,362,795	498,946	4,190,097
Fines and Forfeitures	0	66,370	0	0	218,293	284,663
Interest Revenue	21,394	207	2,380	82	2,091	26,154
Miscellaneous	104,388	0	0	0	108,892	213,280
Total Revenues	1,703,657	66,577	752,861	1,362,877	991,111	4,877,083
<b>Expenditures</b> Public Safety:						
Personnel Services	35,695,083	39,047	407,116	0	314,064	36,455,310
Operating Expenditures	5,700,691	0	329,809	0	574,730	6,605,230
Capital Outlay	1,217,704	0	2,396	0	34,022	1,254,122
Court Services:						
Personal Services	943,723	0	0	0	0	943,723
Operating Expenditures	261,136	0	0	0	0	261,136
(Total Expenditures)	(43,818,337)	(39,047)	(739,321)	0	(922,816)	(45,519,521)
(Deficiency) Excess of Revenues (Under) Over Expenditures	(42,114,680)	27,530	13,540	1,362,877	68,295	(40,642,438)
Other Financing Sources (Uses) Transfers in: Hernando County, Florida, Board of County Commissioners Appropriations Transfers (out): Hernando County, Florida, Board of County Commissioners:	42,918,246	0	0	0	0	42,918,246
Excess Fees	(803,566)	0	0	0	0	(803,566)
Total Other Financing	(003,500)	0	0	0	0	(005,500)
Sources (Uses)	42,114,680	0	0	0	0	42,114,680
Net Change in Fund Balance	0	27,530	13,540	1,362,877	68,295	1,472,242
Fund Balance, Beginning	0	27,550	15,540	1,502,077	00,275	1,7/2,272
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of Year	0	805,022	694,398	0	1,174,370	2,673,790
Fund Balance, End of Year	\$ 0	\$ 832,552	\$ 707,938	\$ 1,362,877	\$ 1,242,665	\$ 4,146,032

## HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA SHERIFF STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

		Buc Original	lget	Final	Actual	<b>W</b>	Variance Vith Final Budget Positive Negative)
Revenues		- 8			 		- g /
Charges for Services	\$	1,759,835	\$	1,559,835	\$ 1,577,875	\$	18,040
Interest Revenue		22,500		22,500	21,394		(1,106)
Miscellaneous		72,750		72,750	104,388		31,638
Total Revenues		1,855,085		1,655,085	 1,703,657		48,572
Expenditures Public Safety:							
Personnel Services		37,334,165		36,003,065	35,695,083		307,982
Operating Expenditures		5,483,597		5,735,317	5,700,691		34,626
Capital Outlay		175,000		1,254,380	1,217,704		36,676
Court Services:							
Personnel Services		944,519		954,519	943,723		10,796
Operating Expenditures		261,800		251,800	 261,136		(9,336)
(Total Expenditures)	(	(44,199,081)		(44,199,081)	 (43,818,337)		380,744
(Deficiency) of Revenues (Under) Expenditures	(	(42,343,996)		(42,543,996)	 (42,114,680)		429,316
Other Financing Sources (Uses) Transfers in: Hernando County, Florida, Board of County Commissioners Appropriations Transfers (out): Hernando County, Florida, Board of County Commissioners:		42,918,246		42,918,246	42,918,246		0
Excess Fees		(574,250)		(374,250)	(803,566)		(429,316)
<b>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>		42,343,996		42,543,996	 42,114,680		(429,316)
Net Change in Fund Balance		0		0	0		0
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year		0		0	 0		0
Fund Balance, End of Year	\$	0	\$	0	\$ 0	\$	0

See accompanying notes.

# HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA SHERIFF STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE BUDGET AND ACTUAL - FEDERAL FORFEITURES FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

	D	1		Variance With Final Budget
		dget Final	Actual	Positive (Negative)
Revenues	Original	<u> </u>	Actual	(Negative)
Fines and Forfeitures	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 66,370	\$ 66,370
Interest Revenue	0	0	207	207
Total Revenues	0	0	66,577	66,577
<b>Expenditures</b> Public Safety:				
Personnel Services	71,525	71,525	39,047	32,478
Capital Outlay	100,000	100,000	0	100,000
(Total Expenditures)	(171,525)	(171,525)	(39,047)	132,478
Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures	(171,525)	(171,525)	27,530	199,055
<b>Other Financing (Uses) Sources</b> Reserve for Contingencies	(633,497)	(633,497)	0	633,497
Net Change in Fund Balance	(805,022)	(805,022)	27,530	832,552
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year	805,022	805,022	805,022	0
Fund Balance, End of Year	\$ 0	<u>\$</u> 0	\$ 832,552	\$ 832,552

# HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA SHERIFF STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE BUDGET AND ACTUAL - E-911 FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

		lget		Variance With Final Budget Positive
D	Original	Final	Actual	(Negative)
Revenues	¢ 740.000	ф <b>7</b> 40.000	ф <b>750</b> 401	ф <u>10.401</u>
Charges for Services	\$ 740,000	\$ 740,000	\$ 750,481	\$ 10,481
Interest Revenue	0	0	2,380	2,380
Total Revenues	740,000	740,000	752,861	12,861
Expenditures				
Public Safety:				
Personnel Services	427,573	427,573	407,116	20,457
Operating Expenditures	439,650	439,650	329,809	109,841
Capital Outlay	350,000	350,000	2,396	347,604
(Total Expenditures)	(1,217,223)	(1,217,223)	(739,321)	477,902
Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures	(477,223)	(477,223)	13,540	490,763
Other Financing (Uses) Sources Reserve for Contingencies	(217,175)	(217,175)	0	217,175
Net Change in Fund Balance	(694,398)	(694,398)	13,540	707,938
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year	694,398	694,398	694,398	0
Fund Balance, End of Year	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 707,938	\$ 707,938

# HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA SHERIFF STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE BUDGET AND ACTUAL - FEDERAL INMATES FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

		Buc	lget	Einel	A	V	Variance Vith Final Budget Positive
Revenues	Ong	ginal		Final	 Actual	(1	Negative)
Charges for Services	\$	0	\$	1,400,000	\$ 1,362,795	\$	(37,205)
Interest Revenue		0		0	82		82
Total Revenues		0		1,400,000	1,362,877		(37,123)
<b>Expenditures</b> Public Safety:		0		0	0		0
(Total Expenditures)		0		0	0		0
Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures		0		1,400,000	1,362,877		(37,123)
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b> Reserves		0		(1,400,000)	 0		1,400,000
Net Change in Fund Balance		0		0	1,362,877		1,362,877
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year		0		0	 0		0
Fund Balance, End of Year	\$	0	\$	0	\$ 1,362,877	\$	1,362,877

# HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA SHERIFF STATEMENT OF NET POSITION PROPRIETARY FUND TYPE - INTERNAL SERVICE FUND SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

	Internal
	Service
Assets	
Cash with Fiscal Agent	\$ 5,322,304
Accounts Receivable	51,820
Total Assets	5,374,124
Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	365,074
Liability for Unpaid Claims	297,063
Unearned Revenue	358,666
Total Liabilities	1,020,803
Net Position	
Unrestricted	4,353,321
Total Net Position	\$ 4,353,321

See accompanying notes.

# HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA SHERIFF STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN FUND NET POSITION PROPRIETARY FUND TYPE - INTERNAL SERVICE FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

	Internal Service	
Operating Revenues		
Interfund Charges	\$	4,007,080
Premiums - Employees		710,785
Premiums - Retirees		474,476
Miscellaneous		110,905
Total Operating Revenues		5,303,246
Operating Expenses		
Claims		4,440,229
Professional Services		584,829
Insurance		245,833
(Total Operating Expenses)		(5,270,891)
Operating Income		32,355
Nonoperating Revenues		
Interest		2,615
Change in Net Position		34,970
Net Position, Beginning of Year		4,318,351
Net Position, End of Year	\$	4,353,321

## HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA SHERIFF STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS PROPRIETARY FUND TYPE - INTERNAL SERVICE FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

	Internal Service
Cash Flows From Operating Activities	
Cash Received from Interfund Charges	\$ 4,025,666
Cash Received from Employees	710,785
Cash Received from Retirees	474,476
Other Cash Receipts	110,905
Payments to Suppliers	(830,662)
Claims Paid	(4,767,370)
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	(276,200)
Cash Flows From Investing Activities	
Interest Received	2,615
Net Increase in Cash	(273,585)
Cash, Beginning of Year	5,595,889
Cash, End of Year	\$ 5,322,304
<b>Reconciliation of Operating Income to Net Cash Provided by</b>	
Operating Activities	
Operating Income	\$ 32,355
Adjustment to Reconcile Operating Income to Net Cash	
Provided by Operating Activities:	
Changes in Assets and Liabilities:	
Decrease in Accounts Receivable	23,719
(Decrease) in Accounts Payable	(327,899)
(Decrease) in Liability for Unpaid Claims	(22,961)
Increase in Unearned Revenue	18,586
Total Adjustments	(308,555)
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	\$ (276,200)

# HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA SHERIFF STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AGENCY FUNDS **SEPTEMBER 30, 2016**

Assets Cash and Cash Equivalents Total Assets	\$ 103,838 103,838
Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	40,212
Due to Other Funds	32,334
Due to Other Governments	10,566
Deposits	20,726
Total Liabilities	\$ 103,838

See accompanying notes. 12

#### Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

#### **Reporting Entity**

Hernando County, Florida, (the County) is a political subdivision of the State of Florida. It is governed by an elected Board of County Commissioners (the Board) and managed by an appointed County Administrator. The Hernando County, Florida, Sheriff (the Sheriff), is an elected constitutional officer as provided for by the Constitution of the State of Florida. Pursuant to Chapter 129, Florida Statutes, the Sheriff's budget is submitted to the Board for approval.

The Sheriff is the chief law enforcement officer of the County. Funding for the Sheriff's operations comes primarily from annual appropriations from the Board and all unexpended proceeds must be returned to the Board at year-end.

For financial reporting purposes, the Sheriff is deemed to be part of the primary government of the County and, as such, is included in the County's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

#### **Basis of Presentation**

The accompanying financial statements include all the funds and accounts of the Sheriff's office, but are not intended to be a complete presentation of the County as a whole. Except for this matter, they are otherwise in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). The accompanying financial statements were prepared for the purpose of complying with Section 218.39, Florida Statutes, and Section 10.557(4), *Rules of the Auditor General*—*Local Governmental Entity Audits*.

The financial transactions of the Sheriff are recorded in individual funds. Each fund is accounted for by providing a separate set of self-balance accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues, and expenditures. These funds are segregated for the purpose of carrying on specific activities or attaining certain objectives in accordance with specific regulations, restrictions, or limitations.

The focus of governmental fund financial statements is on major funds rather than reporting funds by type. GAAP sets forth minimum criteria (percentage of total assets, liabilities, revenues, or expenditures) for the determination of major funds. Each major fund is reported in a separate column.

The Sheriff reports the following major governmental funds:

- **General Fund**—The General Fund is used to account for the general operations of the Sheriff and includes all transactions which are not accounted for in another fund.
- Federal Forfeitures Fund—This fund is used to account for forfeited property passed down from the U.S. Department of Justice or by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Utilization of revenue can include enhancements to law enforcement delivery and operations.

#### Note 1 - <u>Summary of Significant Accounting Policies</u> (Continued)

#### **Basis of Presentation** (Concluded)

- **E-911 Fund**—This fund is used to account for the proceeds of telephone charges collected for the installation and operation of an Emergency 911 System.
- Federal Inmates Fund—This fund is used to account for the proceeds of housing federal inmates at the detention facility, as well as associated guard and transport reimbursements.

The Sheriff also reports the following nonmajor special revenue funds:

- 800 MHz Fund
- Inmate Welfare Fund
- Law Enforcement Educational Fund
- Child Saver Program Fund
- Grants and Contributions Fund

The Sheriff reports the following other fund types:

#### Proprietary Fund Type—Internal Service Funds

These funds are used to account for health and dental insurance benefits provided to the employees by the Sheriff. Their funding is based upon an annual actuarial study of expected benefit payouts.

#### ■ Fiduciary Fund Type—Agency Funds

These funds are used to account for assets held by the Sheriff in a trustee capacity or as an agent for individuals, private organizations, and other governments.

#### **Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting**

Governmental funds are accounted for using the flow of current financial resources measurement focus. Only current assets and current liabilities, generally, are included on the balance sheet. Operating statements for these funds present increases (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) in net current assets. Agency funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities), and do not involve measurement of results of operations or have a measurement focus.

The modified accrual basis of accounting is used by both governmental and agency funds. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when susceptible to accrual (i.e., when they become measurable and available to finance liabilities of the current fiscal year). For this purpose, the Sheriff considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days after year-end. Grants must also meet eligibility requirements to be accrued.

#### Note 1 - <u>Summary of Significant Accounting Policies</u> (Continued)

#### Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting (Concluded)

For governmental funds, expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for certain compensated absences, which are recognized as expenditures when paid. Substantially all of the Sheriff's operating budget funding is appropriated by the Board. These resources are reflected as other financing sources at the time of receipt. Interest and other revenue are recognized as they are earned and become measurable and available to pay liabilities of the current period.

The proprietary fund type - internal service fund accounts for medical insurance coverage for the Sheriff's employees. Proprietary fund types use the accrual basis of accounting, where revenues are recognized when they are earned and expenses are recognized when they are incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. In addition, proprietary funds distinguish *operating* revenues and expenses from *nonoperating* items.

The focus on fiduciary type fund financial statements is by fund-type, not major fund. The Sheriff only has one fiduciary fund-type, the agency fund-type. Accordingly, there is only one column in the fiduciary fund financial statement.

#### **Excess Fees**

Florida Statutes provide that the amount by which revenues and transfers exceed annual expenditures be remitted to the Board within one month following the fiscal year for which the funding was provided or following the fiscal year during which other revenue was recognized. This requirement is reflected in the Sheriff's General Fund where the amount of this distribution is recorded as a liability and as another financing use.

#### **Cash Equivalents**

Cash equivalents are defined as highly-liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

#### **Prepaid Items**

Certain prepayments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods. These prepayments are recorded as expenditures in the year paid.

#### **Deferred Inflows/Unearned Revenue**

Deferred inflows in governmental funds represent revenues that have been earned, but are not available (because they were received more than 60 days after year-end). Unearned revenue in proprietary fund types represents revenues attributable to future periods.

## **Compensated Absences**

Eligible full time employees are entitled to accrue compensatory time, annual vacation, and sick leave up to predetermined thresholds, and received pay for those hours at termination or retirement. Effective October 1, 2009, for terminations in good standing, the employee is paid for 25% of accumulated sick leave up to a total of 500 hours. Upon retirement, the employee is entitled to an additional percentage up to a total of 100% of total accumulated hours if the employee had ten or more years of service as of October 1, 2009, or 50% of up to 500 hours if the employee had less than ten years of service at October 1, 2009. For all payments of sick leave, the employee is paid at their pay rate effective at termination or retirement.

#### Note 1 - <u>Summary of Significant Accounting Policies</u> (Continued)

#### **Compensated Absences (Concluded)**

Vacation and sick leave payments are included in personnel services when the payments are made to the employees. The Sheriff does not, nor is he legally required to accumulate financial resources for these obligations. Accordingly, the liability for compensated absences is not reported in the governmental funds but rather is reported in the basic financial statements of the County.

#### **Fund Balances**

The Sheriff implemented the provisions of GASB issued Statement No. 54, *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions* (GASB 54) in 2011, as required. The purpose of GASB 54 was to improve the consistency and usefulness of fund balance information to the financial statement user. The statement established fund balance classifications that comprise a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which the organization is bound to honor constraints on the specific purpose for which amounts in the funds can be spent. Fund balance is reported in five components—nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned:

- Nonspendable—This component of fund balance consists of amounts that cannot be spent because: (a) they are not expected to be converted to cash; or (b) they are legally or contractually required to remain intact. Examples of this classification are prepaid items, inventories, and principal (corpus) of an endowment fund.
- Restricted—This component of fund balances consists of amounts that are constrained either:
   (a) externally by third parties (creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments); or (b) by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- Committed—This component of fund balance consists of amounts that can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action (e.g., policy) of the organization's governing authority. By statute, the Sheriff himself is the governing authority. These committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Sheriff removes or changes the specified use by taking the same type of action (e.g., policy) he employed to constrain those amounts.
- Assigned—This component of fund balance consists of amounts that are constrained by a lessthan-formal action of the organization's governing authority, or by an individual or body to whom the governing authority has delegated this responsibility. The Sheriff has not delegated the responsibility to assign fund balances to any individual or body.
- Unassigned—This classification is used for: (a) negative unrestricted fund balances in any governmental fund; or (b) fund balances within the General Fund that are not restricted, committed, or assigned.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is generally the Sheriff's policy to use unrestricted resources first (committed, assigned, and unassigned) then restricted resources as they are needed. When unrestricted resources (committed, assigned, and unassigned) are available for use, it is generally the Sheriff's policy to use unassigned resources first, then assigned, and then committed as needed.

#### Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Concluded)

#### **Use of Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported and disclosed in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### **Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 68**

The Sheriff participates in the Florida Retirement System (FRS) defined benefit pension plan and the Health Insurance Subsidy (HIS) defined benefit plan administered by Florida Division of Retirement. As a participating employer, the Sheriff implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions*, which requires employers participating in cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plans to report the employers' proportionate share of the net pension liabilities and related pension amounts of the defined benefit pension plans. However, these liabilities would be recorded in government-wide financial statements, which are not required in this special-purpose presentation. As such, only the applicable disclosures required by GASB 68 have been presented herein. In addition, the cost-sharing multiple-employer plans mentioned above operate on a fiscal year ended June 30.

#### Note 2 - Budgetary Process

Florida Statutes, Sections 30.49, 129.021, and 129.03 govern the preparation, adoption, and administration of the Sheriff's annual budget. The Sheriff prepares individual budgets for the General Fund and the E-911 and 800 MHz Special Revenue Funds, and submits them to the Board for approval. Any budgets that are not subject to the approval of the Board of County Commissioners shall follow the same procedures as those approved by the Board with the exception that the Sheriff is the approver rather than the Board.

The budgets are prepared on a basis consistent with GAAP and serve as the legal authorization for expenditures. Amendments increasing total fund expenditures must be approved by the Sheriff and/or Board. Budgetary changes between or among expenditures within a fund may be made at the discretion of the Sheriff.

The original budget is the first complete appropriated budget. The final budget is the original budget adjusted by all reserves, transfers, allocations, supplemental appropriations, and other legally authorized changes applicable to the fiscal year and approved by the Board within 60 days after year-end.

#### Note 3 - Cash and Investments

At September 30, 2016, the carrying value of the Sheriff's cash and cash equivalents was as follows:

	(	Carrying			
		Value			
Cash on Hand	\$	12,140			
Demand Deposits		7,432,008			
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	<u>\$</u>	7,444,148			

#### Note 3 - Cash and Investments (Concluded)

Such amounts are reported as \$6,918,098, \$422,212, and \$103,838 in the governmental, internal service, and agency funds, respectively. In addition, there is cash of \$4,900,092 held by the claims administrator reported in the internal service funds at year-end.

The Sheriff's bank deposits are held in qualified public depositories (QPDs) pursuant to Chapter 280, Florida Statutes. Under this Chapter, each QPD is required to pledge collateral to the State Treasurer against the public deposits. In the event of default by a QPD, all claims for public deposits would be satisfied by the State Treasurer from the proceeds of federal deposit insurance, pledged collateral of the QPD in default and, if necessary, assessments against other QPDs of the same type as the depositor in default.

#### **Authorized Investments**

The Sheriff has not adopted an investment policy and so, by statute, follows the state's guidance set forth in Section 219.075, Florida Statutes, regarding the deposit of funds received and the investment of surplus funds. That section requires local governments without written investment policies, including County officers, to follow the state policy in Section 218.415(17), Florida Statutes. That Section authorizes the following investments:

- a. The Local Government Surplus Funds Trust Fund or any intergovernmental investment pool authorized pursuant to the *Florida Interlocal Cooperation Act*, as provided in Florida Statute 163.01.
- b. Securities and Exchange Commission registered money market funds with the highest credit quality rating from a nationally recognized rating agency.
- c. Interest-bearing time deposits or savings accounts in qualified public depositories.
- d. Direct obligations of the United States Treasury.

The Sheriff does not have policies that address credit risk, custodial credit risk, or interest rate risk. The Sheriff had no investments at year-end or during the year.

#### Note 4 - Interfund Balances

Interfund balances at September 30, 2016, consisted of the following:

	In Re	Interfund Payable			
General Fund Inmate Welfare Fund Agency Fund	\$	21,500 10,834 <u>0</u>	\$	0 0 32,334	
Total Due to/Due from Other Funds	<u>\$</u>	32,334	\$	32,334	

The receivables represent primarily fees collected in an agency fund for other funds. These fees are from jail inmates for subsistence fees, booking fees, medical fees, and commissions on commissary sales.

#### Note 5 - <u>Capital Assets</u>

Pursuant to Florida Statutes, the Sheriff can own tangible capital assets, and the Sheriff maintains custody and recordkeeping responsibility for these assets. However, office space and facilities used in the Sheriff's operations are provided at no cost by the Board.

Capital assets paid for by the Sheriff are recorded as expenditures in the governmental funds of the Sheriff but are capitalized in the basic financial statements of the County. The capitalization threshold is \$1,000. Donated capital assets are recorded at their estimated fair value on the date received. Effective October 1, 2010, the Sheriff is responsible for recording all grant-related assets regardless of whether the grant origin was Hernando County or the Sheriff. Depreciation is recorded at the County level. Most of the capital assets listed below are being depreciated over five years.

Capital asset activity for the tangible property over which the Sheriff has custodial and recordkeeping responsibility, for the year ended September 30, 2016, was as follows:

						Balance
	(	October 1,			Se	ptember 30,
		2015	 Additions	 Deletions		2016
Automobiles and Other Vehicles	\$	8,231,363	\$ 745,623	\$ (328,682)	\$	8,648,304
Furniture and Equipment		10,998,072	 846,347	 (392,750)		11,451,669
Total at Cost		19,229,435	1,591,970	(721,432)		20,099,973
(Less Accumulated Depreciation)		(14,365,622)	 (1,584,484)	 702,848		(15,247,258)
Book Value	\$	4,863,813	\$ 7,486	\$ (18,584)	\$	4,852,715

Proceeds from the sale or disposal of vehicles are netted against capital outlay in the accompanying statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance. Following is a reconciliation of 2016 capital asset additions above to capital outlay on the accompanying statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance:

	 2016
Capital Outlay	\$ 1,251,726
Proceeds from Vehicle Sales/Disposals	52,634
Purchased by Other Entities	 287,610
Total Additions	\$ 1,591,970

#### Note 6 - Long-term Liability

The following is a summary of changes in general long-term liabilities, which are reported in the basic financial statements of the County:

	Balance October 1, 2015		Additions				
Accrued Compensated Absences	<u>\$ 3,448,678</u>	<u>\$ 2,334,673</u>	<u>\$ (2,485,956</u> )	<u>\$ 3,297,395</u>			

#### Note 6 - Long-term Liability (Concluded)

Of these above obligations, \$2,795,561 are expected to be paid during the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017, primarily from the general fund, and so are considered current. These liabilities are not reported in the fund financial statements of the Sheriff since they have not matured.

#### Note 7 - Detention Operations

For twenty-two years, the Hernando County jail was operated by a private corporation. Effective August 27, 2010, the Sheriff took over the detention operations based on an Interlocal Agreement between the Sheriff and the Board. The initial term of the agreement was through September 30, 2013, with an automatic renewal period of an additional three years.

### Note 8 - General Fund Expenditures

General Fund Revenues and Expenditures for the year ended September 30, 2016, were as follows:

		Law		J	Emergency			
	Total	E	nforcement	 Detention	Management		Courthouse	
Revenues								
Dispatching Fees	\$ 499,731	\$	499,731	\$ 0	\$	0	\$	0
School Resource Officers	572,260		572,260	0		0		0
School Crossing Guards	152,357		152,357	0		0		0
Inmate Booking	58,409		0	58,409		0		0
Inmate Medical	40,644		0	40,644		0		0
Inmate Subsistence	172,769		0	172,769		0		0
Inmate Public Works	60,905		0	60,905		0		0
Inmate Social Security	20,800		0	 20,800		0		0
Charges for Services	1,577,875		1,224,348	 353,527		0		0
Interest Income	21,394		21,394	0		0		0
Miscellaneous	104,388		104,388	 0		0		0
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<u>\$ 1,703,657</u>	\$	1,350,130	\$ 353,527	\$	0	\$	0
Expenditures								
Personal Services	\$36,638,806	\$	25,315,749	\$ 10,083,165	\$	296,169	\$	943,723
Operating Expenditures	5,961,827		3,590,874	2,067,542		42,275		261,136
Capital Outlay	1,217,704		1,141,527	 76,177		0		0
Total Expenditures	<u>\$43,818,337</u>	\$	30,048,150	\$ 12,226,884	\$	338,444	\$	1,204,859

#### Note 9 - Employee Retirement Plan

#### General Information about the Florida Retirement System (FRS)

The FRS was created in Chapter 121, Florida Statutes, to provide a defined benefit pension plan for participating public employees. The FRS was amended in 1998 to add the Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP) under the defined benefit plan and amended in 2000 to provide a defined contribution plan alternative to the defined benefit plan for FRS members effective July 1, 2002. This integrated defined contribution pension plan is the FRS Investment Plan. Chapter 112, Florida Statutes, established the Retiree Health Insurance Subsidy (HIS) Program, a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan, to assist retired members of any state-administered retirement system in paying the costs of health insurance.

Essentially all regular employees of the Sheriff are eligible to enroll as members of the Stateadministered FRS. Provisions relating to FRS are established by Chapters 121 and 122, Florida Statutes; Chapter 112 Part IV, Florida Statutes; Chapter 238, Florida Statutes; and FRS Rules, Chapter 60S, Florida Administrative Code; wherein eligibility, contributions, and benefits are defined and described in detail. Such provisions may be amended at any time by further action from the Florida Legislature. The FRS is a single retirement system administered by the Florida Department of Management Services, Division of Retirement, and consists of two costsharing, multiple-employer defined-benefit plans and other nonintegrated programs. A comprehensive annual financial report of the FRS, which includes its financial statements, required supplementary information, actuarial report, and other relevant information, is available from the Florida Department of Management Services' web site (www.dms.myflorida.com).

The Sheriff's contributions to the FRS Plan totaled \$4,451,020 for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2016, (all plans).

#### **FRS Pension Plan**

<u>*Plan Description.*</u> The FRS Pension Plan (Plan) is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan, with a DROP for eligible employees. The general classes of membership applicable to the Sheriff are as follows:

- *Regular Class*—Members of the FRS who do not qualify for membership in the other classes.
- *Elected County Officer Class*—Members who hold specified elective offices in local government.
- Senior Management Service Class—Members in senior management level positions.
- *Special Risk Class*—Members who are employed as law enforcement officers and meet the criteria to qualify for this class.

#### Note 9 - Employee Retirement Plan (Continued)

#### FRS Pension Plan (Continued)

#### <u>*Plan Description.*</u> (Concluded)

Employees enrolled in the Plan prior to July 1, 2011, vest at six years of creditable service and employees enrolled in the Plan on or after July 1, 2011, vest at eight years of creditable service. All vested members enrolled prior to July 1, 2011, are eligible for normal retirement benefits at age 62 or at any age after 30 years of service, except for members classified as special risk who are eligible for normal retirement benefits at age 55 or at any age after 25 years of service. All members enrolled in the Plan on or after July 1, 2011, once vested, are eligible for normal retirement benefits at age 65 or any time after 33 years of creditable service, except for members classified as special risk who are eligible for normal retirement benefits at age 60 or at any age after 30 years of service. Members of the Plan may include up to four years of credit for military service toward creditable service. The Plan also includes an early retirement provision; however, there is a benefit reduction for each year a member retires before his or her normal retirement date. The Plan provides retirement, disability, death benefits, and annual cost-of-living adjustments to eligible participants.

DROP, subject to provisions of Section 121.091, Florida Statutes, permits employees eligible for normal retirement under the Plan to defer receipt of monthly benefit payments while continuing employment with an FRS employer. An employee may participate in DROP for a period not to exceed 60 months after electing to participate, except that certain instructional personnel may participate for up to 96 months. During the period of DROP participation, deferred monthly benefits are held in the FRS Trust Fund and accrue interest. The net pension liability does not include amounts for DROP participants, as these members are considered retired and are not accruing additional pension benefits.

<u>Benefits Provided</u>. Benefits under the Plan are computed on the basis of age and/or years of service, average final compensation, and service credit. Credit for each year of service is expressed as a percentage of the average final compensation. For members initially enrolled before July 1, 2011, the average final compensation is the average of the five highest fiscal years' earnings; for members initially enrolled on or after July 1, 2011, the average final compensation is the average of the eight highest fiscal years' earnings. The total percentage value of the benefit received is determined by calculating the total value of all service, which is based on the retirement class to which the member belonged when the service credit was earned. Members are eligible for in-line-of-duty or regular disability and survivors' benefits. The following chart shows the percentage value for each year of service credit earned:

#### Note 9 - Employee Retirement Plan (Continued)

#### FRS Pension Plan (Continued)

Benefits Provided. (Concluded)

Class, Initial Enrollment, and Retirement Age/Years of Service	Percent Value
Regular Class Members Initially Enrolled Before July 1, 2011:	
Retirement up to age 62 or up to 30 years of service	1.60
Retirement at age 63 or with 31 years of service	1.63
Retirement at age 64 or with 32 years of service	1.65
Retirement at age 65 or with 33 or more years of service	1.68
Regular Class Members Initially Enrolled on or After July 1, 2011:	
Retirement up to age 65 or up to 33 years of service	1.60
Retirement at age 66 or with 34 years of service	1.63
Retirement at age 67 or with 35 years of service	1.65
Retirement at age 68 or with 36 or more years of service	1.68
Senior Management Service Class	2.00
Special Risk Regular:	
Service from December 1, 1970 through September 30, 1974	2.00
Service on and after October 1, 1974	3.00

As provided in Section 121.101, Florida Statutes, if the member is initially enrolled in the FRS before July 1, 2011, and all service credit was accrued before July 1, 2011, the annual cost-of-living adjustment is 3% per year. If the member is initially enrolled before July 1, 2011, and has service credit on or after July 1, 2011, there is an individually calculated cost-of-living adjustment. The annual cost-of-living adjustment is a proportion of 3% determined by dividing the sum of the pre-July 2011 service credit by the total service credit at retirement multiplied by 3%. Plan members initially enrolled on or after July 1, 2011, will not have a cost-of-living adjustment after retirement.

*Contributions.* The Florida Legislature establishes contribution rates for participating employers and employees. Contribution rates during the 2015-2016 fiscal year were as follows:

		June 30, 2016 Gross Salary	Year Ended June 30, 2017 Percent of Gross Salary			
Class	Employee	Employer	Employee	Employer		
FRS, Regular	3.00	5.56	3.00	5.80		
FRS, Senior Management Service	3.00	19.73	3.00	20.05		
FRS, Special Risk Regular	3.00	20.34	3.00	20.85		
DROP - Applicable to						
Members from All of the Above Classes	0.00	11.22	0.00	11.33		
FRS, Reemployed Retiree	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)		

Note:

(1) Contribution rates are dependent upon retirement class in which reemployed.

#### Note 9 - Employee Retirement Plan (Continued)

#### FRS Pension Plan (Concluded)

<u>Contributions</u>. (Concluded)

The Sheriff's contributions (employer only) to the Plan totaled \$3,756,417 for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2016. This excludes the HIS defined benefit pension plan contributions.

<u>Pension Liabilities</u>. The FRS operates with a fiscal year ended June 30. FRS Schedules of Employer Allocations were issued in October 2016 for the year ended June 30, 2015. Schedules of Employer Allocations for the year ended June 30, 2016, are not expected to be available until early 2017. As such, required disclosures for the year ended June 30, 2016, are not available.

At September 30, 2015, the Sheriff's proportionate share of the FRS net pension liability was \$17,624,639.

Further details of the FRS Plan net pension liability, annual pension expense, actuarial assumptions, sensitivity analysis, and the other required disclosures can be found in the County-wide annual financial report.

#### **HIS Pension Plan**

<u>Plan Description</u>. The HIS Pension Plan (HIS Plan) is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan established under Section 112.363, Florida Statutes, and may be amended by the Florida Legislature at any time. The benefit is a monthly payment to assist retirees of State-administered retirement systems in paying their health insurance costs and is administered by the Division of Retirement within the Florida Department of Management Services.

<u>Benefits Provided</u>. For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2016, eligible retirees and beneficiaries received a monthly HIS payment of \$5 for each year of creditable service completed at the time of retirement, with a minimum HIS payment of \$30 and a maximum HIS payment of \$150 per month, pursuant to Section 112.363, Florida Statutes. To be eligible to receive a HIS Plan benefit, a retiree under a State-administered retirement system must provide proof of health insurance coverage, which may include Medicare.

<u>Contributions</u>. The HIS Plan is funded by required contributions from FRS participating employers as set by the Florida Legislature. Employer contributions are a percentage of gross compensation for all active FRS members. For the fiscal years ended June 30, 2017 and 2016, the contribution rate was 1.66% of payroll respectively, pursuant to Section 112.363, Florida Statues. The Sheriff contributed 100% of its statutorily required contributions for the current and preceding three years. HIS Plan contributions are deposited in a separate trust fund from which payments are authorized. HIS Plan benefits are not guaranteed and are subject to annual legislative appropriation. In the event the legislative appropriation or available funds fail to provide full subsidy benefits to all participants, benefits may be reduced or canceled.

The Sheriff's contributions to the HIS Plan totaled \$419,351 for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2016.

#### Note 9 - Employee Retirement Plan (Continued)

#### HIS Pension Plan (Concluded)

Pension Liabilities. The HIS operates with a fiscal year ended June 30. FRS Schedules of Employer Allocations were issued in April 2016 for the year ended June 30, 2015. Schedules of Employer Allocations for the year ended June 30, 2016, are not expected to be available until early 2017. As such, required disclosures for the year ended June 30, 2016, are not available.

At September 30, 2015, the Sheriff's proportionate share of the HIS net pension liability was \$7,972,493.

Further details of the HIS Plan net pension liability, annual pension expense, actuarial assumptions, sensitivity analysis, and the other required disclosures can be found in the Countywide annual financial report.

#### **FRS – Defined Contribution Pension Plan**

The Sheriff contributes to the FRS Investment Plan (Investment Plan), a defined contribution pension plan, for its eligible employees electing to participate in the Investment Plan. The Investment Plan is administered by the SBA, and is reported in the SBA's annual financial statements and in the State of Florida Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. Service retirement benefits are based upon the value of the member's account upon retirement.

As provided in Section 121.4501, Florida Statutes, eligible FRS members may elect to participate in the Investment Plan in lieu of the FRS defined benefit plan. Sheriff employees participating in DROP are not eligible to participate in the Investment Plan. Employer and employee contributions, including amounts contributed to individual member's accounts, are defined by law, but the ultimate benefit depends in part on the performance of investment funds. Benefit terms, including contribution requirements, for the Investment Plan are established and may be amended by the Florida Legislature. The Investment Plan is funded with the same employer and employee contribution rates that are based on salary and membership class (Regular Class, Elected County Officers, etc.), as the FRS defined benefit plan. Contributions are directed to individual member accounts, and the individual members allocate contributions and account balances among various approved investment choices. Allocations to the investment members' accounts during the 2014-15 fiscal year were as follows:

Class	Percent of Gross Compensation
FRS, Regular	6.30
FRS, Senior Management Service	7.67
FRS, Special Risk Regular	14.00

For all membership classes, employees are immediately vested in their own contributions and are vested after one year of service for employer contributions and investment earnings. If an accumulated benefit obligation for service credit originally earned under the FRS Pension Plan is transferred to the Investment Plan, the member must have the years of service required for FRS Pension Plan vesting (including the service credit represented by the transferred funds) to be

#### Note 9 - Employee Retirement Plan (Concluded)

#### FRS – Defined Contribution Pension Plan (Concluded)

vested for these funds and the earnings on the funds. Nonvested employer contributions are placed in a suspense account for up to five years. If the employee returns to FRS-covered employment within the five year period, the employee will regain control over their account. If the employee does not return within the five year period, the employee will forfeit the accumulated account balance. Costs of administering the Investment Plan, including the FRS Financial Guidance Program, are funded through an employer contribution of 0.04% of payroll and by forfeited benefits of Investment Plan members. For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2015, the information for the amount of forfeitures was unavailable from the SBA; however, management believes that these amounts, if any, would be immaterial to the Sheriff.

After termination and applying to receive benefits, the member may rollover vested funds to another qualified plan, structure a periodic payment under the Investment Plan, receive a lumpsum distribution, leave the funds invested for future distribution, or any combination of these options. Disability coverage is provided; the member may either transfer the account balance to the FRS Pension Plan when approved for disability retirement to receive guaranteed lifetime monthly benefits under the FRS Pension Plan, or remain in the Investment Plan and rely upon that account balance for retirement income.

The Sheriff's contributions to the Investment Plan totaled \$275,252 for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2016.

#### Note 10 - Other Postemployment Benefits

The Sheriff offers postemployment health care benefits and life insurance to all retired former employees of the Sheriff's Office and their eligible dependents. Participating retirees are required to reimburse the Sheriff for the entire premium cost. These retirees are receiving an "implicit subsidy" because the premium is a group rate which includes active, lower cost employees. The implicit subsidy has a cost which under GAAP is required to be disclosed in these financial statements. However, this annual cost, the accrued obligation, and other required disclosures have been calculated for the County as a whole, and not separately for the Sheriff's Office. Accordingly, these calculations and disclosures can be found in the County-wide financial report.

In accordance with Florida Statutes 112.19(1)(g), if a law enforcement officer is killed as a result of an act of violence inflicted by another person while the officer is engaged in the performance of law enforcement duties, the entire premium of the health insurance plan for the officer's surviving spouse, until remarried, and dependent children, is paid by the Sheriff. During the year ended September 30, 2016, \$25,800 was paid on behalf of the survivors who qualified.

#### Note 11 - Risk Management

The Sheriff participates in the Florida Sheriff's Risk Management Fund to insure against automobile, workers' compensation, and general liabilities claims. Except as disclosed in the next paragraph, there have been no significant reductions in insurance coverage from the prior year. Settlement amounts have not exceeded insurance coverage for any of the last three years.

#### Note 11 - Risk Management (Concluded)

Effective October 1, 2011, the Sheriff became self-insured for employee and retiree health coverage. Effective October 1, 2014, the Sheriff became self-insured for employee and retiree dental coverage. Prior to those dates, the Sheriff carried commercial insurance for its health and dental coverage.

#### Note 12 - Self-Insurance Internal Service Fund

The self-insurance program was established under Florida Statute 112.08 to reduce employee medical costs for the Sheriff's Office. The program is administered by an outside third party, and uses a combination of self-insurance and specific and aggregate stop-loss coverage to minimize risk exposure. It is accounted for in an internal service fund. Fund revenues are primarily contributions from other funds, retirees, and employees, for amounts needed to pay insurance premiums, anticipated self-insured losses, and administrative expenses.

Changes in claims liability amounts for the years ended September 30, 2016 and 2015, were as follows:

		2016	 2015
Unpaid Claims, Beginning of Year	\$	320,024	\$ 251,998
Incurred Claims		4,744,409	3,690,198
Claim Payments		(4,767,370)	 (3,622,172)
Unpaid Claims, End of Year	<u>\$</u>	297,063	\$ 320,024

#### Note 13 - Leases

Revenue of the 800 MHz Fund includes lease payments received for space leased on the County's primary tower site. The lease began December 16, 1997, between the Board and Cingular (Tenant). There have been several amendments since then, extending the lease term and changing the monthly lease payment. The sixth amendment, effective July 1, 2016, amended the lease term to include a new initial term of sixty months, plus up to five additional sixty-month terms, built-in rate increases at the beginning of each renewal term. AT&T Mobility Corporation, who owns New Cingular Wireless, has a reduced monthly lease payment from \$5,407 to \$4,210. The Board has informally assigned the rights to the lease revenue to the Sheriff to operate the system. The amount of the lease revenue for the year ended September 30, 2016, was \$61,296. The future lease revenues are as follows:

Year	Amount
2017	\$ 50,520
2018	50,520
2019	50,520
2020	50,520
2021	52,415
2022-2026	292,669
2027-2031	336,569
2032-2036	387,054
2037-2041	445,112
2042-2046	482,665
Total	<u>\$ 2,198,564</u>

#### Note 14 - Claims and Contingencies

#### Litigation

The Sheriff is involved as defendant or plaintiff in certain litigation and claims arising from the ordinary course of operations. Any judgments against the Sheriff in excess of insurance limits would be settled by the Board. In the opinion of the Sheriff and legal counsel, the range of potential recoveries or liabilities will not materially affect the financial position of the Sheriff.

#### **Federal and State Grants**

Grant funds received by the Sheriff are subject to audit by grantor agencies. Audits of these grants may result in the disallowed costs, which may constitute a liability of the Sheriff. In the opinion of management disallowed costs, if any, would be insignificant to the financial position and operations of the Sheriff.

# SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

**Combining and Individual Fund Financial Statements and Schedules** 

#### HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA SHERIFF SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

Special revenue funds are used to account for the proceeds of special revenue sources that are legally restricted to specified purposes. The Sheriff has the following nonmajor special revenue funds:

- 800MHz Fund—This fund derives its resources from lease payments for space leased on the County's primary tower site, fees assessed to each radio user department for maintenance contract costs, and a \$12.50 fee included in each fine paid for a traffic citation. The 800MHz system is maintained to ensure continuous and optimum radio communications for all public safety and County radio users.
- Inmate Welfare Fund—This fund derives its resources from inmate telephone and commissary commissions. This fund has committee oversight and all approved expenditures must be for the benefit of the inmate. Florida Statute 945.215, Inmate Welfare and Employee Benefit Trust Funds, governs the use of proceeds and expenditures for this fund.
- Law Enforcement Education Fund (L.E.E.)—This fund derives its resources from court cost assessments pursuant to Sections 938.15 and 318.18 of the Florida Statutes. The assessments are collected by the Clerk of the Circuit Court and remitted to the Sheriff monthly. Use of the funds received is restricted to criminal justice education and training in programs approved by the Florida Police Training and Standards Commission.
- Child Saver Program Fund—This fund derives its resources from funds received for the rental of infant and toddler car seats. The nonrefundable service fees charged are to be used for the maintenance and repair of returned car seats and to assist in the purchase of additional seats to expand the program as the population of the County grows and there is additional demand for car seats.
- Grants and Contributions Fund—This fund derives its resources from grants and donations. Each grant and donation is separately accounted for within the fund, to assure proper accounting in accordance with the grant agreements.

# HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA SHERIFF COMBINING BALANCE SHEET NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

	800MHz		Inmate Welfare	Law forcement ducation	Child Saver rogram		Grants and Contributions		Total Nonmajor vernmental Funds
Assets									
Cash and Cash									
Equivalents	\$ 206,14		\$ 419,734	\$ 464,973	\$ 5,394	\$	99,742	\$	1,195,984
Accounts Receivable		0	20,312	0	0		0		20,312
Due from Other Funds		0	10,834	0	0		0		10,834
Due from Other									
Governments	14,22		0	 5,645	 0		17,770		37,639
Total Assets	220,36	5	450,880	 470,618	 5,394		117,512		1,264,769
Liabilities									
Accounts Payable	8,29	4	1,576	0	60		360		10,290
Accrued Wages and									
Benefits Payable		0	7,769	0	0		3,905		11,674
Deposits		0	0	0	140		0		140
Total Liabilities	8,29	4	9,345	0	 200		4,265		22,104
Fund Balances Restricted for: Law Enforcement									
Activities		0	0	0	0		113,247		113,247
Communications	212,07	1	0	0	0		0		212,071
Education and									
Training		0	0	470,618	0		0		470,618
Inmates Training		0	441,535	0	0		0		441,535
Other		0	0	0	5,194		0		5,194
<b>Total Fund Balances</b>	212,07	1	441,535	 470,618	 5,194		113,247		1,242,665
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$ 220,36	5	\$ 450,880	\$ 470,618	\$ 5,394	\$	117,512	\$	1,264,769

# HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA SHERIFF COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

	Special Revenue Funds											
	800MHz		Inmate Welfare		Law Enforcement Education		Child Saver Program		Grants and Contributions		Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds	
Revenues												
Intergovernmental	\$	0	\$	0	\$	0	\$	0	\$	162,889	\$	162,889
Charges for Services		77,132		420,935		0		879		0		498,946
Fines and Forfeitures		145,124		0		73,169		0		0		218,293
Interest Revenue		74		936		339		0		742		2,091
Miscellaneous		61,296		3,693		0		0		43,903		108,892
Total Revenues		283,626		425,564		73,508		879		207,534		991,111
Expenditures Public Safety: Personnel Services Operating Expenditures Capital Outlay		0 350,421 0		200,713 105,097 0		0 49,112 0		0 0 0		113,351 70,100 34,022		314,064 574,730 34,022
(Total Expenditures)		(350,421)		(305,810)		(49,112)		0		(217,473)		(922,816)
Net Change in Fund Balance		(66,795)		119,754		24,396		879		(9,939)		68,295
Fund Balances, Beginning of Year		278,866		321,781		446,222		4,315		123,186		1,174,370
Fund Balances, End of Year	\$	212,071	\$	441.535	\$	470.618	\$	5,194	\$	113,247	\$	1,242,665

# HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA SHERIFF STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE BUDGET AND ACTUAL - 800 MHz FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

	Budget					W	Variance With Final Budget Positive		
	Original		Final		Actual		legative)		
Revenues									
Charges for Services	\$ 97,000		97,000	\$	77,132	\$	(19,868)		
Fines and Forfeitures	180,000	0	180,000		145,124		(34,876)		
Interest Revenue		0	0		74		74		
Miscellaneous	64,88	7	64,887		61,296		(3,591)		
Total Revenues	341,88	7	341,887		283,626		(58,261)		
<b>Expenditures</b> Public Safety:									
Operating Expenditures	407,250	0	407,250		350,421		56,829		
Capital Outlay	139,41	3	139,413		0		139,413		
(Total Expenditures)	(546,662	3)	(546,663)		(350,421)		196,242		
(Deficiency) of Revenues (Under) Expenditures	(204,776	5)	(204,776)		(66,795)		137,981		
Other Financing (Uses) Sources									
Reserve for Contingencies	(74,09	<u> </u>	(74,090)		0		74,090		
Net Change in Fund Balance	(278,86	5)	(278,866)		(66,795)		212,071		
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year	278,86	5	278,866		278,866		0		
Fund Balance, End of Year	\$	0 \$	0	\$	212,071	\$	212,071		

## HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA SHERIFF STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE BUDGET AND ACTUAL - INMATE WELFARE FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

	B	Variance With Final Budget Positive		
D	Original	Final	Actual	(Negative)
Revenues	¢ 222.000	¢ 222.000	¢ 100.025	ф 0 <b>7</b> .025
Charges for Services	\$ 333,000	\$ 333,000	\$ 420,935	\$ 87,935
Interest Revenue	100	100	936	836
Miscellaneous	2,900	2,900	3,693	793
Total Revenues	336,000	336,000	425,564	89,564
Expenditures				
Public Safety:	201012	201.012	200 712	1.000
Personnel Services	204,943	204,943	200,713	4,230
Operating Expenditures	193,983	193,983	105,097	88,886
Capital Outlay	25,000	25,000	0	25,000
(Total Expenditures)	(423,926)	(423,926)	(305,810)	118,116
Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures	(87,926)	(87,926)	119,754	207,680
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b> Reserve for Contingencies	(233,855)	(233,855)	0	233,855
Net Change in Fund Balance	(321,781)	(321,781)	119,754	441,535
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year	321,781	321,781	321,781	0
Fund Balance, End of Year	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 441,535	\$ 441,535

## HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA SHERIFF STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE BUDGET AND ACTUAL - LAW ENFORCEMENT EDUCATION FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

	Origi		lget	Final	Actual	W	<b>Variance</b> ith Final Budget Positive Vegative)
Revenues							
Fines and Forfeitures	\$ 7	3,000	\$	73,000	\$ 73,169	\$	169
Interest Revenue		250		250	 339		89
Total Revenues	7	3,250		73,250	 73,508		258
Expenditures Public Safety: Operating Expenditures (Total Expenditures) Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures	(4	<u>6,850</u> 6,850) 6,400		46,850 (46,850) 26,400	 49,112 (49,112) 24,396		(2,262) (2,262) (2,004)
Other Financing (Uses) Sources							
Reserve for Contingencies	(47	2,622)		(472,622)	 0		472,622
Net Change in Fund Balance	(44	6,222)		(446,222)	24,396		470,618
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year	44	6,222		446,222	 446,222		0
Fund Balance, End of Year	\$	0	\$	0	\$ 470,618	\$	470,618

## HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA SHERIFF STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

		Buc	lget			W	Variance Vith Final Budget Positive
	0	riginal		Final	 Actual	(Negative)	
Revenues							
Intergovernmental	\$	136,873	\$	241,508	\$ 162,889	\$	(78,619)
Interest Revenue		50		50	742		692
Miscellaneous		25,500		43,403	43,903		500
Total Revenues		162,423		284,961	207,534		(77,427)
<b>Expenditures</b> Public Safety:							
Personnel Services		93,561		177,215	113,351		63,864
Operating Expenditures		47,365		107,249	70,100		37,149
Capital Outlay		45,522		45,522	 34,022		11,500
(Total Expenditures)		(186,448)		(329,986)	 (217,473)		112,513
(Deficiency) of Revenues (Under) Expenditures		(24,025)		(45,025)	(9,939)		35,086
Other Financing (Uses) Sources Reserve for Contingencies		(99,161)		(78,161)	 0		78,161
Net Change in Fund Balance		(123,186)		(123,186)	(9,939)		113,247
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year		123,186		123,186	 123,186		0
Fund Balance, End of Year	\$	0	\$	0	\$ 113,247	\$	113,247

### HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA SHERIFF INTERNAL SERVICE FUNDS SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

Internal service funds are used when a fund primarily provides benefits for other funds, departments, or agencies of the primary government. The Sheriff has the following internal service funds:

- **Health**—This fund is used to account for the Sheriff's self-insurance program for employee health benefits.
- **Dental**—This fund is used to account for the Sheriff's self-insurance program for employee dental benefits.

## HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA SHERIFF COMBINING STATEMENT OF NET POSITION INTERNAL SERVICE FUNDS SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

						Total Internal	
	Health			Dental	Service		
Assets							
Cash with Fiscal Agent	\$	5,200,131	\$	122,173	\$	5,322,304	
Accounts Receivable		51,820		0		51,820	
Total Assets		5,251,951		122,173		5,374,124	
Liabilities							
Accounts Payable		352,647		12,427		365,074	
Liability for Unpaid Claims		274,532		22,531		297,063	
Unearned Revenue		338,075		20,591		358,666	
Total Liabilities		965,254		55,549		1,020,803	
Net Position							
Unrestricted		4,286,697		66,624		4,353,321	
Total Net Position	\$	4,286,697	\$	66,624	\$	4,353,321	

# HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA SHERIFF COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN FUND NET POSITION INTERNAL SERVICE FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

	Health	Dental	Total Internal Service
Operating Revenues	IIcattii	Incartin Dentan	
Interfund Charges	\$ 3,840,898	\$ 166,182	\$ 4,007,080
Premiums - Employees	638,658	<sup>3</sup> 100,182 72,127	\$ 4,007,080 710,785
Premiums - Retirees	,		
	442,810	31,666	474,476
Miscellaneous	110,905	0	110,905
Total Operating Revenues	5,033,271	269,975	5,303,246
Operating Expenses			
Claims	4,222,826	217,403	4,440,229
Professional Services	548,203	36,626	584,829
Insurance	245,833	0	245,833
(Total Operating Expenses)	(5,016,862)	(254,029)	(5,270,891)
(Total Operating Expenses)	(5,010,002)	(23 1,02))	(3,270,091)
Operating Income	16,409	15,946	32,355
Nonoperating Revenues			
Interest	2,615	0	2,615
Change in Net Desition	10.024	15 046	24.070
Change in Net Position	19,024	15,946	34,970
Net Position, Beginning of Year	4,267,673	50,678	4,318,351
Net Position, End of Year	\$ 4,286,697	\$ 66,624	\$ 4,353,321

## HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA SHERIFF COMBINING STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS INTERNAL SERVICE FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

		Health		Dental		Total Internal Service
Cash Flows from Operating Activities						
Cash Received from Interfund Charges	\$	3,857,875	\$	167,791	\$	4,025,666
Cash Received from Employees	+	638,658	+	72,127	Ŧ	710,785
Cash Received from Retirees		442,810		31,666		474,476
Other Cash Receipts		110,905		0		110,905
Payments to Suppliers		(794,036)		(36,626)		(830,662)
Claims Paid		(4,549,149)		(218,221)		(4,767,370)
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities		(292,937)		16,737		(276,200)
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Cash Flows From Investing Activities						
Interest Received		2,615		0		2,615
Net Increase in Cash		(290,322)		16,737		(273,585)
Cash, Beginning of Year		5,490,450		105,439		5,595,889
Cash, End of Year	\$	5,200,128	\$	122,176	\$	5,322,304
<u>Reconciliation of Operating Income to Net Cash</u> <u>Provided by Operating Activities</u>						
Operating Income	\$	16,409	\$	15,946	\$	32,355
Adjustment to Reconcile Operating Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities: Changes in Assets and Liabilities:						
Decrease in Accounts Receivable		23,719		0		23,719
(Decrease) in Accounts Payable		(315,854)		(12,045)		(327,899)
(Decrease) Increase in Liability for Unpaid Claims		(34,188)		11,227		(22,961)
Increase in Unearned Revenue		16,977		1,609		18,586
Total Adjustments		(309,346)		791		(308,555)
·		<u> </u>				
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	\$	(292,937)	\$	16,737	\$	(276,200)

### HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA SHERIFF AGENCY FUNDS SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

Agency funds are used to account for assets held by the Sheriff in a trustee capacity or as an agent for individuals, private organizations, and other governments. The Sheriff has the following agency funds:

- Civil Trust Fund—This fund is used to account for fees received by the Sheriff for serving documents (civil process) pursuant to Florida Statute 30.231(5). The funds received are returned to the Board of County Commissioners on a monthly basis. This fund is also used for cost deposits provided by plaintiffs or their attorneys in advance, to pay for the Sheriff's statutory fees and costs in executing Sheriff's Levies and Writs of Attachment.
- Inmate Trust Fund—This fund accounts for inmate personal accounts and the proceeds from certain inmate programs.

# HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA SHERIFF COMBINING STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY ASSETS AND LIABILITIES ALL AGENCY FUNDS SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

Assats	Civil Trust Fund	Inmate Trust Fund	Total Agency Funds		
Assets Cash and Cash Equivalents Total Assets	\$ 11,136 11,136	\$ 92,702 92,702	\$ 103,838 103,838		
Liabilities Accounts Payable	0	40.212	40,212		
Due to Other Funds Due to Other Governments Deposits	0 10,566 570	32,334 0 20,156	32,334 10,566 20,726		
Total Liabilities	\$ 11,136	\$ 92,702	\$ 103,838		

**OTHER REPORTS** 



### 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

Honorable Al Nienhuis Sheriff Hernando County, Florida

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 each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Hernando County, Florida, Sheriff (the Sheriff), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated January 6, 2017.

### **Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

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

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### 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 (Concluded)

#### **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Sheriff's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreement, 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.

Curvis, Gray and Company, LLP

January 6, 2017 Sarasota, Florida



### INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Honorable Al Nienhuis Sheriff Hernando County, Florida

We have examined Hernando County, Florida, Sheriff's (the Sheriff) compliance with the requirements of Section 218.415, Florida Statutes, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2016, as required by Section 10.556(10)(a), *Rules of the Auditor General*. Management is responsible for the Sheriff's compliance with those requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Sheriff's compliance based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and, accordingly, included examining, on a test basis, evidence about the Sheriff's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our examination provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our examination does not provide a legal determination on the Sheriff's compliance with specified requirements.

In our opinion, the Sheriff complied, in all material respects, with the aforementioned requirements for the year ended September 30, 2016.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Legislative Auditing Committee, members of the Florida Senate and the Florida House of Representatives, the Florida Auditor General, the Sheriff, its management, and the Board of County Commissioners of Hernando County, Florida, and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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January 6, 2017 Sarasota, Florida

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### MANAGEMENT LETTER

Honorable Al Nienhuis Sheriff Hernando County, Florida

### **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the financial statements of each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Hernando County, Florida, Sheriff (the Sheriff), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2016, and have issued our report thereon dated January 6, 2017.

### Auditors' Responsibility

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and Chapter 10.550, *Rules of the Auditor General*.

### **Other Reports**

We have issued our 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*; and Independent Accountants' Report. Disclosures in those reports, which are dated January 6, 2017, should be considered in conjunction with this management letter.

#### **Prior Audit Findings**

Section 10.554(1)(i)1., *Rules of the Auditor General*, requires that we determine whether or not corrective actions have been taken to address findings and recommendations made in the preceding annual financial audit report. There were no findings or recommendations made in the preceding annual financial audit report.

### **Official Title and Legal Authority**

Section 10.554(1)(i)4., *Rules of the Auditor General*, requires that the name or official title and legal authority for the primary government and each component unit of the reporting entity be disclosed in this management letter, unless disclosed in the notes to the financial statements. In that regard, the Sheriff was established by the Constitution of the State of Florida, Article VIII, Section 1(d). There were no component units related to the Sheriff.

#### **Other Matters**

Section 10.554(1)(i)2., *Rules of the Auditor General*, requires that we address in the management letter any recommendations to improve financial management. In connection with our audit, we did not have any such recommendations.

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### MANAGEMENT LETTER (Concluded)

#### **Other Matters (Concluded)**

Section 10.554(1)(i)3., *Rules of Auditor General*, requires that we address noncompliance with provisions of contracts or grant agreements, or abuse, that have occurred, or are likely to have occurred, that have an effect on the financial statements that is less than material but which warrants the attention of those charged with governance. In connection with our audit, we did not have any such findings.

#### **Purpose of the Letter**

Our management letter is intended solely for the information and use of the Legislative Auditing Committee, members of the Florida Senate and the Florida House of Representatives, the Florida Auditor General, the Sheriff, its management, and the Board of County Commissioners of Hernando County, Florida, and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

We wish to take this opportunity to thank you and your staff for the cooperation and courtesies extended to us during the course of our audit. Please let us know if you have any questions or comments concerning this letter, our accompanying reports, or other matters.

Curvis, Gray and Company, LLP

January 6, 2017 Sarasota, Florida