

Las Animas/Bent County Fire Protection District

also dba Bent County Ambulance Service

December 31, 2020

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Independent Auditor's Report

The Governing Body
Las Animas/Bent County Fire Protection District
also dba Bent County Ambulance Service

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Las Animas/Bent County Fire Protection District also dba Bent County Ambulance Service (the "District") as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise The District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

The District's 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.

Auditor's 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. 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 (1) unmodified opinion on the business-type activities and each major fund and (2) our qualified opinion on the governmental activities.

Basis for Qualified Opinion on the Governmental Activities

Effective for years ending December 31, 2015, for entities that have defined benefit plans, management was to have an actuarial study completed to determine the amount of any unfunded liability or a funded deferred cash outflow so the proper disclosures could be made in the governmental activities' financial statements, including the footnotes. Due to management not having an actuarial study completed, as required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the amounts that would be disclosed in the financial statements, including the footnotes, are not known.

Qualified Opinion on the Governmental Activities

In our opinion, except for the effects, if any, of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion paragraph on the Governmental Activities, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the

respective financial position of the Governmental Activities of the District, as of December 31, 2020, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Unmodified Opinion on the Business-Type Activities and the Major Funds

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the District, as of December 31, 2020, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Budget to Actual—Major Funds be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management’s responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Management has not presented the management’s discussion and analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the District’s basic financial statements. The Budget to Actual—Ambulance Fund is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The Budget to Actual—Ambulance Fund schedule is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the supplementary information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

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June 30, 2021

**Las Animas/Bent County Fire Protection District
also dba Bent County Ambulance Service
Statement of Net Position
December 31, 2020**

	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
ASSETS			
Cash and Equivalents	\$ 348,030	\$ 1,191,000	\$ 1,539,030
Receivables	186,125	226,099	412,224
Capital Assets:			
Land	11,513	-	11,513
Buildings	151,304	79,400	230,704
Equipment and Furniture	1,282,131	867,748	2,149,879
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(985,121)	(831,150)	(1,816,271)
Total Capital Assets	459,827	115,998	575,825
Total Assets	993,982	1,533,097	2,527,079
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable	-	75,908	75,908
Unearned Revenues	-	103,531	103,531
Total liabilities	-	179,439	179,439
Deferred Cash Inflow of Resources			
Deferred property taxes	186,125	180,954	367,079
NET POSITION			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	459,827	115,998	575,825
Unrestricted	348,030	1,056,706	1,404,736
Total net position	\$ 807,857	\$ 1,172,704	\$ 1,980,561

The accompanying notes to financial statements
are an integral part of these statements.

**Las Animas/Bent County Fire Protection District
also dba Bent County Ambulance Service
Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended December 31, 2020**

Functions/Programs	Program Revenue			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position		
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Primary Government	
				Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
Primary government						
Governmental Activities						
Public Safety	\$ 167,125	\$ -	\$ 16,093	\$ (151,032)	\$ -	\$ (151,032)
Total governmental activities	<u>167,125</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,093</u>	<u>(151,032)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(151,032)</u>
Business-type activities:						
Ambulance Services	451,388	364,790	125,807	-	39,209	39,209
Total business-type activities	<u>451,388</u>	<u>364,790</u>	<u>125,807</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>39,209</u>	<u>39,209</u>
Total primary government	<u>\$ 618,513</u>	<u>\$ 364,790</u>	<u>\$ 141,900</u>	<u>(151,032)</u>	<u>39,209</u>	<u>(111,823)</u>
General revenues:						
Taxes:						
Property taxes, levied for general purposes				\$ 203,083	\$ 191,138	\$ 394,221
Unrestricted investment earnings				173	6,943	7,116
Total general revenues, special items, and transfers				<u>203,256</u>	<u>198,081</u>	<u>401,337</u>
Change in net position				52,224	237,290	289,514
Net position - beginning				755,633	935,414	1,691,047
Net position - ending				<u>\$ 807,857</u>	<u>\$ 1,172,704</u>	<u>\$ 1,980,561</u>

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**Las Animas/Bent County Fire Protection District
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Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
December 31, 2020**

	General
ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 348,028
Taxes receivable, net	186,125
Total assets	534,153
 LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	
Liabilities:	
Accounts payable	-
Total liabilities	-
 Deferred Cash Inflow of Resources:	
Deferred property taxes	186,125
 Fund Balance	
Unassigned:	348,028
Fund balance	348,028
Total liabilities and fund balance	\$ 534,153

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**Las Animas/Bent County Fire Protection District
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Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position
December 31, 2020**

Total fund balance, governmental funds	\$	348,028
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Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not current financial resources and therefore are not reported in this fund financial statement, but are reported in the governmental activities of the Statement of Net Position.		459,827
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Net position of Governmental Activities in the Statement of Net Position	\$	<u><u>807,857</u></u>
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**Las Animas/Bent County Fire Protection District
also dba Bent County Ambulance Service
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended December 31, 2020**

	General
REVENUES	
Property Taxes	\$ 203,083
Intergovernmental	10,000
Investment earnings	173
Miscellaneous	6,093
Total revenues	219,349
EXPENDITURES	
Current:	
General government	17,453
Public Safety	84,476
Capital Outlay	97,552
Total Expenditures	199,481
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	19,868
Net change	19,868
Fund balance - beginning	328,160
Fund balance - ending	\$ 348,028

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**Las Animas/Bent County Fire Protection District
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**Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance of
Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended December 31, 2020**

Net change in fund balance - total governmental funds: \$ 19,868

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

Governmental funds report outlays for capital assets as expenditures because such outlays use current financial resources. In contrast, the Statement of Activities reports only a portion of the outlay as expense. The outlay is allocated over the assets' estimated useful lives as depreciation expense for the period. This is the amount by which capital outlay of \$97,552 is more than depreciation of \$65,196 in the current period.

32,356

Change in fund balance of governmental activities

\$ 52,224

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Las Animas/Bent County Fire Protection District
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Statement of Net Position
Proprietary Funds
December 31, 2020

	Ambulance
ASSETS	
Current assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,191,000
Accounts Receivable, net	45,149
Other receivables	180,954
Total current assets	1,417,103
Non-current assets:	
Capital Assets:	
Buildings	79,400
Equipment and Furniture	867,748
Less Accumulated depreciation	(831,150)
Total non-current assets	115,998
Total assets	1,533,101
 LIABILITIES	
Current Liabilities:	
Accounts payable	75,908
Unearned revenue	103,531
Total current liabilities	179,439
Total liabilities	179,439
 Deferred Cash Inflow of Resources:	
Deferred property taxes	180,954
 NET POSITION	
Net Investment in capital assets	115,998
Unrestricted	1,056,710
Total net position	\$ 1,172,708

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Las Animas/Bent County Fire Protection District
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Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Position
Proprietary Funds
For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

	Ambulance
REVENUES	
Routine Services	\$ 345,292
Operating grants	115,452
Other operating income property taxes	191,138
Total operating revenues	651,882
 OPERATING EXPENSES	
Personal services	261,629
Contractual services	48,842
Utilities	11,442
Repairs and maintenance	1,257
Office supplies and expenses	3,632
Operating supplies	26,101
Bad debts	26,996
Miscellaneous expenses	27,397
Insurance claims and expenses	5,173
Depreciation	38,917
Total Operating Expenses	451,386
Operating income (loss)	200,496
 NON-OPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)	
Interest and investment revenue	6,943
Miscellaneous revenue	29,854
Total non-operating revenue (expenses)	36,797
Income (loss) before contributions and transfers	237,293
Change in net position	237,293
Total net position - beginning	935,415
Total net position - ending	\$ 1,172,708

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Las Animas/Bent County Fire Protection District
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Statement of Cash Flows
Proprietary Fund Type
For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

	Ambulance 2020
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:	
Cash Received from Ambulance Services	\$ 318,941
Cash Received from Grants	218,983
Cash Received from Other Operating Income property taxes	191,138
Cash Payments to Suppliers for Goods & Services	(115,787)
Cash Payments to Employees	<u>(261,629)</u>
NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	<u>351,646</u>
 CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:	
Interest Income	6,943
Miscellaneous Nonoperating Income (Expenses)	<u>30,558</u>
NET CASH PROVIDED BY INVESTING ACTIVITIES	<u>37,501</u>
 NET (DECREASE) INCREASE IN CASH & CASH EQUIVALENTS	 389,147
 CASH & CASH EQUIVALENTS:	
Beginning of Year	<u>801,853</u>
 End of Year	 <u><u>1,191,000</u></u>
 RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME TO NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES:	
Operating Income (Loss)	200,496
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Income To Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities:	
Depreciation	38,917
Change in Assets and Liabilities:	
(Increase) Decrease in Accounts Receivable, net of allowance	644
Increase (Decrease) in Unearned Revenue	103,531
Increase (Decrease) in Payables	<u>8,058</u>
NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	<u><u>\$ 351,646</u></u>

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**Las Animas/Bent County Fire Protection District
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Statement of Fiduciary Net Position
Fiduciary Fund
December 31, 2020**

ASSETS:

Cash	\$ 38,611
Investments-certificates of deposit	129,927
Property Taxes Receivable	<u>16,286</u>
Total Assets	<u>184,824</u>

LIABILITIES:

Deferred Cash Inflow of Resources-property taxes	<u>16,286</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>16,286</u>

NET POSITION:

Net position restricted for pensions	<u><u>\$ 168,538</u></u>
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**Las Animas/Bent County Fire Protection District
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Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position
Fiduciary Fund
For the Year Ended December 31, 2020**

ADDITIONS:

State Contribution	\$ 14,393
Interest Income	3,106
Property Taxes	<u>17,288</u>
Total Additions	<u>34,787</u>

DEDUCTIONS:

Pension Payments	31,855
Miscellaneous	<u>138</u>
Total Deductions	<u>31,993</u>
Change in Net Position	2,794
Net Position-Beginning	<u>165,744</u>
Net Position-Ending	<u><u>\$ 168,538</u></u>

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are an integral part of these statements.

**Las Animas/Bent County Fire Protection District
also dba Bent County Ambulance Service
Notes to Financial Statements
December 31, 2020**

Note 1 Description of Entity:

Las Animas/Bent County Fire Protection District, also dba Bent County Ambulance Service, (the District) is a governmental entity organized under provisions of the Colorado Revised Statutes. It operates solely within Bent County but is not a part of the County's government. The District is a special purpose governmental entity engaged in governmental and business-type activities.

Note 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies:

The accounting policies of the District conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governments. The following is a summary of the significant policies:

Financial Reporting Entity

The financial reporting entity consists of (1) the primary government, (2) organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable and (3) other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. Component units are legally separate organizations for which the elected officials of the primary government are financially accountable. The primary government is financially accountable if it appoints a voting majority of the organization's governing body and (1) it is able to impose its will on that organization (2) there is a potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to or burdens on the primary government. The primary government may be financially accountable if an organization is fiscally dependent on the primary government.

The District has examined other entities and there are no other entities that should be included as defined in numbers 2 and 3 above.

Basis of Presentation and Accounting

The District's Enterprise Fund's financial statements are presented on the full accrual basis in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The District applies all Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements.

All activities of the District are accounted for in a governmental fund, a proprietary (enterprise) fund, and a pension fund. Proprietary funds are used to account for operations that are (a) financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises where the intent of the governing body is that the cost (expenses, including depreciation) of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges; or (b) where the governing body has decided that periodic determination of revenues earned, expenses incurred, and/or net income is appropriate for capital maintenance, public policy, management control, accountability, or other purposes.

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to the District is determined by its measurement focus. The transactions of the District's Ambulance Fund are accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, all assets and all liabilities associated with the operations are included on the balance sheet. Net position (i.e., total assets net of total liabilities) are segregated into "invested in capital assets, net of related liabilities"; "restricted for capital activity and debt service"; and "unrestricted" components.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make certain estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the balance sheet date and reported amounts of revenues and expense during the reporting period. Estimates are used to determine depreciation expense, the allowance for doubtful accounts and certain claims and judgment liabilities, among other accounts. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, the District considers all highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents. Certificates of deposit are included in cash and cash equivalents.

Property, Plant & Equipment

The accounting and reporting treatment applied to the fixed assets associated with a fund are determined by its measurement focus. All proprietary funds are accounted for on a cost of services or "capital maintenance" measurement focus. This means that all assets and all liabilities (whether current or noncurrent) associated with their activity are included on their statement of net assets. Their reported net assets (net total assets) is segregated into "invested in capital assets, net of related debt" as of December 31. Proprietary fund operating statements present increases (revenues) and decreases (expenses) in net total assets.

All fixed assets are valued at historical cost or estimated historical costs if actual historical cost is not available. Donated fixed assets are valued at their estimated fair value on the date donated.

Depreciation of all exhaustible fixed assets used by proprietary funds is charged as an expense against their operations. Accumulated depreciation is reported on the proprietary fund statement of net position.

The straight-line method of computing depreciation is used with estimated useful lives of 5 - 50 years.

The District does not have any infrastructure.

The District will capitalize fixed assets that cost more than \$5,000.

Budgets

Annual budgets are adopted as required by Colorado Revised Statutes (CRS). Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year.

Budgets are adopted on a basis that is consistent with generally accepted accounting principles.

The budget calendar is as follows:

August 25	Assessors must submit abstract of assessments, reflecting all assessed values of property in the County by class and subclass to the Division of Property Taxation.
October 15	Statutory deadline for submission of proposed budget to the local governing body. "Notice of Budget" to be published when budget received.
December 31	Statutory deadline for local governing body to adopt budget.
On or before December 31	Local Governing Body shall enact an ordinance or resolution making appropriations for the ensuing fiscal year.

Appropriations are adopted by resolution in total. Overexpenditures are not deemed to exist unless the fund as a total has actual expenses in excess of appropriations. All appropriations lapse at year-end. Supplemental budgets were not adopted during 2018.

Property Taxes

Annual property taxes are levied and assessed on January 1 and are certified by the County by November 1 of the current year. On January 1 of the following year, the County Treasurer bills the property owners, thus establishing an enforceable lien on the property. The County Treasurer also collects the property taxes and remits collections on a monthly basis to the County. County property tax revenues are recognized, as they become current receivables from the County Treasurer. One-half of the property taxes are due by February 28 and one-half due by June 15 or all may be paid by April 30 to avoid penalties and interest.

Taxes receivable represent 2020 assessed tax to be collected in 2021.

Long-Term Obligations and Costs

Long-term obligations are reported at face value, net of applicable premiums and discounts. Premiums and discounts, issuance costs, and gains or losses on advance refundings and defeasances, are deferred and amortized over the life of the bond.

There were no long-term obligations or costs as of year-end.

Allowance for Doubtful Accounts

The District reviews the accounts receivable balances to determine if any are doubtful account balances. An allowance is established based upon the review. As of December 31, 2020, an allowance of \$122,171 was established to cover potential uncollectible balances of the Ambulance Fund.

The allowance account is approximately 73% of the ending accounts receivable balance for the year ending December 31, 2020.

Compensation for Future Absences

Accumulated vacation and the portion of sick leave eligible to be paid to employees at termination are recorded as an expense and liability when employees take time off. Once a quarter the total PTO time is reviewed and adjusted accordingly. There were not any compensated absences at year-end.

Claims and Judgments

These events and obligations are recorded on the accrual basis when the event occurs and the obligation arises.

Capital Contributions

Contributions are recognized in the statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net assets when earned. There were no contributed capital transactions during the year.

Net Position

Net position comprises the various net earnings from operating and non-operating revenues, expenses, and contributions of capital. Net position is classified in the following three components: net investment in capital assets; restricted for capital activity and debt service; and unrestricted net assets. Net investment in capital assets consists of all capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by outstanding debt, that is attributable to the acquisition, construction, and improvement of those assets; debt related to unspent proceeds or other restricted cash and investments is excluded from the determination. Restricted for capital activity and debt service consists of net position for which constraints are placed thereon by external parties, such as lenders, grantors, contributors, laws, regulations and enabling legislation, including self-imposed legal mandates, less any related liabilities. Unrestricted net position consists of all other net positions not included in the above categories.

Revenues and Rate Structure

Revenues from routine charges for services are recognized as operating revenues on the accrual basis as earned. Services are provided to ambulance patients under a rate structure designed to produce revenues sufficient to provide for operating and maintenance costs, capital outlay and reserves.

Donations, lease income, capital grants and interest income are considered non-operating revenues.

Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation of Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

The District's government-wide financial statements include a Statement of Net Position and a Statement of Activities. These statements present summaries of Governmental and Business-Type Activities for the District accompanied by the total column. Fiduciary activities of the District are not included in these statements. *Government activities*, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from *business-type activities*, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support.

The Statement of Activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment is offset by program revenues. *Direct expenses* are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. *Program revenues* include (1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment and (2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead of *general revenues*.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds, proprietary funds, and fiduciary funds, even though the fiduciary funds are excluded from the government-wide financial statements. Major individual funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

The government-wide financial statements are presented on an *economic resources measurement focus* and the *accrual basis of accounting*. Accordingly, all of the District's assets and liabilities, including capital assets, as well as infrastructure assets, and long-term liabilities, are included in the accompanying Statement of Net Position. The Statement of Activities presents changes in net position. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized in the period in which they are earned while expenses are recognized in the period in which the liability is incurred.

Fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the District considers revenues to be available if they are collected within sixty days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due.

The primary revenue sources, which have been treated as susceptible to accrual by the District, are property taxes and services. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the District.

Interfund Transactions

Transactions between funds that would be treated as revenues, expenditures, or expenses if they involved organizations external to the District are accounted for as revenues, expenditures, or expenses in the funds involved. Transactions which constitute reimbursements of a fund for expenditures or expenses initially made from that fund which are properly applicable to another fund are recorded as expenditures or expended in the reimbursing fund and as reductions of the expenditure or expense in the fund that is reimbursed. At year-end, outstanding balances between funds are reported as "due to/from other funds." Any residual balances outstanding between the governmental activities and business-type activities are reported in the government-wide financial statements as "internal balances."

Fund Equity

In the fund financial statements, the following classifications describe the relative strength of spending constraints.

- *Non-spendable fund balance* – The portion of fund balance that cannot be spent because it is either not in spendable form (such as inventory and prepaid amounts) or is legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.
- *Restricted fund balance* – The portion of fund balance constrained to being used for a specific purpose by external parties (such as grantors or bondholders), constitutional provisions, or enabling legislation.
- *Committed fund balance* – The portion of fund balance constrained for specific purposes according to the limitations imposed by the District's highest level of decision-making authority, its governing board, prior to the end of the current fiscal year. The constraint may be removed or changed only through formal action of the Board.
- *Assigned fund balance* – The portion of fund balance set aside for planned or intended purposes but is neither restricted nor committed. The intended use may be expressed by the governing board or other individuals authorized to assign funds to be used for a specific purpose. Assigned fund balances in special revenue funds will also include any remaining fund balance that is not restricted or committed. This classification is necessary to indicate that those funds are, at a minimum, intended to be used for the purpose of that particular fund.
- *Unassigned fund balance* – The residual portion of fund balance that does not meet any of the above criteria. The District will only report a positive unassigned fund balance in the General Fund.

When both restricted and unrestricted fund balance are available for use, it is the District's policy to use restricted amounts first. Unrestricted fund balance will be used in the following order: committed, assigned and unassigned.

Note 3

Deposits

The Colorado Public Deposit Protection Act (PDPA) requires that all units of local government deposit cash in eligible public depositories, eligibility is determined by state regulators. Amounts on deposit in excess of federal insurance levels must be collateralized. The eligible collateral is determined by the PDPA. PDPA allows the institution to create a single collateral pool for all public funds. The pool is to be maintained by another institution or held in trust for all the uninsured deposits as a group. The market value of the collateral must be at least equal to 102% of the uninsured deposits.

At year-end, the District's cash balances totaled \$1,539,030 consisting of cash on hand and cash in bank.

Deposits are exposed to custodial credit risk if they are not covered by depository insurance and/or the requirements as prescribed by PDPA. The District is not exposed to

custodial credit risk due to having all its cash and investments in one bank, with that bank having FDIC coverage and following PDPA requirements.

Note 4 Retirement Plans

The District (specifically the Ambulance Fund) provides pension benefits for all of its full-time employees and part-time employees that work at least 32 hours per week for 12 months out of the year through a defined contribution plan administered by the Colorado Retirement Association (CRA). In a defined contribution plan, benefits depend solely on amounts contributed to the plan plus investment earnings. Employees are eligible to participate after 90 days of service. The District's rate of contribution is 5%. The employee must contribute 5% and may contribute more at their election. The District's contributions for each employee (and interest allocated to the employee's account) are fully vested immediately. Plan provisions and contribution requirements are established and may be amended by the District's Board.

A deferred compensation plan under Section 457 of the Internal Revenue Code is also available to all eligible employees for voluntary contributions of up to a maximum specified by the Internal Revenue Service. Employees are eligible to participate after 90 days of service. The plan is administered by CRA and plan provisions are established and may be amended by the District's Board.

The District had approximately 3 full-time employees with those employees employed by the Ambulance Fund. Total wages were \$213,590 and eligible wages were \$87,060. The contributions paid by the employer and the employee during 2020 were \$4,353 each.

Note 5 Funding Sources

The majority of ambulance revenues are received from Medicare, third party insurance providers and private pay patients.

Property taxes are received by the General, Ambulance, and Pension Funds.

Interest and investment income, miscellaneous income and capital grants are recorded as non-operating income.

During 2020, the Ambulance Fund received \$199,999 of COVID-19 grant funds through DOLA.

Note 6 Capital Assets

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance
Governmental activities:				
Capital assets, not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 11,513	\$ 15,152	\$ -	\$ 26,665
Total capital assets not being depreciated	11,513	15,152	-	26,665
Capital assets, being depreciated:				
Building	151,304	-	-	151,304
Equipment and Furniture	1,184,579	82,400	-	1,266,979
Total capital assets being depreciated	1,335,883	82,400	-	1,418,283
Less Accumulated depreciation:				
Total accumulated depreciation	(919,925)	(65,196)	-	(985,121)
Total capital assets, being depreciated, net	415,958	17,204	-	433,162
Governmental activities capital assets, net	\$ 427,471	\$ 32,356	\$ -	\$ 459,827

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance
Business-type activities:				
Capital assets, being depreciated:				
Equipment	\$ 465,218	\$ 44,211	\$ (57,924)	\$ 451,505
Buildings	79,400	-	-	79,400
Vehicles	416,243	-	-	416,243
Total capital assets being depreciated	960,861	44,211	(57,924)	947,148
Less Accumulated depreciation:				
Total accumulated depreciation	(849,451)	(39,623)	57,924	(831,150)
Total capital assets, being depreciated, net	\$ 111,410	\$ 4,588	\$ -	\$ 115,998

Note 7 Tax, Spending and Debt Limitations

Colorado voters passed an amendment to the State Constitution, Article X, Section 20, which has several limitations including revenue raising, spending abilities, and other specific requirements of state and local governments. The Amendment is complex and subject to judicial interpretation. The District believes it is in compliance with the requirements of the amendment. However, the District has made certain interpretations of the amendment's language in order to determine its compliance.

Note 8 Risk Management

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters.

These risks are covered by commercial insurance purchased from independent third parties. Settled claims from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage for the past three years.

The District, in their opinion, has obtained adequate coverage as required by Colorado Revised Statutes to settle claims in the ordinary course of business. However, due to the unknown nature of potential liability, some claims may arise that fall outside the coverage limits for which the District could be financially responsible.

Note 9

Volunteer Firemen's Pension Plan

The District, through the Volunteer Firemen's Pension Fund, provides retirement benefits to individual volunteer firemen who have met certain requirements set by the Volunteer Firemen's Pension Board (the Board). The retirement benefits are paid monthly and are currently set by the Board at \$150 per month per qualifying member. The Board can make changes to the monthly amounts as needed as long as the monthly amount does not exceed the amount set by Colorado Revised Statutes.

The pension fund is a defined benefit plan as defined by the applicable governmental standards.

During 2016, the Board voted to transfer all pension plan investments to the Fire and Police Pension Association (FPPA). The investments were not able to be transferred by year-end as FPPA was not accepting funds from retirement plans during 2018 and 2017. As soon as FPPA starts accepting retirement funds the Board will transfer all investments to FPPA.

The Pension Plan has investments in certificates of deposit at the local bank. All investments are covered by FDIC insurance or the Public Depository Protection Act requirements.

The volunteer firemen and the District do not make any contributions to the plan. The plan is funded by contributions from the State of Colorado, investment earnings, and a mill levy specific to the pension fund.

For 2020, the retired volunteer firemen were receiving \$150 per month. The amount to be paid to the qualifying volunteer firemen is currently determined by the Board.

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Budget and Actual
General
For the year ended December 31, 2020**

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual Amounts, Budgetary Basis</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>	
REVENUES			
Property Taxes	\$ 186,125	\$ 186,125	\$ 203,083
Intergovernmental	8,000	8,000	10,000
Investment earnings	400	400	173
Miscellaneous	-	-	6,093
Total revenues	<u>194,525</u>	<u>194,525</u>	<u>219,349</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
General government	23,235	23,235	17,453
Public Safety	81,245	81,245	84,476
Capital Outlay	50,000	50,000	97,552
Total Expenditures	<u>154,480</u>	<u>154,480</u>	<u>199,481</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	<u>40,045</u>	<u>40,045</u>	<u>19,868</u>
Net change in fund balance	40,045	40,045	19,868
Fund balance - beginning	335,939	335,939	328,160
Fund balance - ending	<u>\$ 375,984</u>	<u>\$ 375,984</u>	<u>\$ 348,028</u>

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Budget and Actual
Ambulance
For the year ended December 31, 2020**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts, Budgetary Basis
	Original	Final	
REVENUES			
Property Taxes	\$ 180,955	\$ 180,955	\$ 191,138
Charges for services (net of contractual adjust)	296,400	296,400	345,292
Operating grants and contributions	137,500	137,500	115,452
Investment earnings	-	-	6,943
Miscellaneous	7,000	7,000	29,854
Total revenues	<u>621,855</u>	<u>621,855</u>	<u>688,679</u>
EXPENSES:			
Personal services	294,469	294,469	261,629
Contractual Services	51,697	51,697	48,842
Operating Supplies	43,000	43,000	26,101
Utilities	13,300	13,300	11,442
Repairs and maintenance	4,000	4,000	1,257
Other supplies and expenses	43,000	43,000	30,627
Miscellaneous Expense	46,949	46,949	27,398
Insurance claims and expenses	5,000	5,000	5,173
Depreciation	41,000	41,000	38,917
Total Expenditures	<u>542,415</u>	<u>542,415</u>	<u>451,386</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	<u>79,440</u>	<u>79,440</u>	<u>237,293</u>
Net change in net position	79,440	79,440	237,293
Net position - beginning	1,035,091	1,035,091	935,415
Net position - ending	<u>\$ 1,114,531</u>	<u>\$ 1,114,531</u>	<u>\$ 1,172,708</u>