### North County Fire & Rescue Fire Protection District

#### **Annual Financial Statements**

For The Year Ended December 31, 2020

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#### **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**

To the Board of Directors North County Fire & Rescue Fire Protection District St. Louis, Missouri

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

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the North County Fire & Rescue Fire Protection District, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020 and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the North County Fire & Rescue Fire Protection District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

#### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

#### 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 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 the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the North County Fire & Rescue Fire Protection 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.

#### **Other Matters**

#### Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the budgetary comparison information on pages 22–25 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 omitted 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

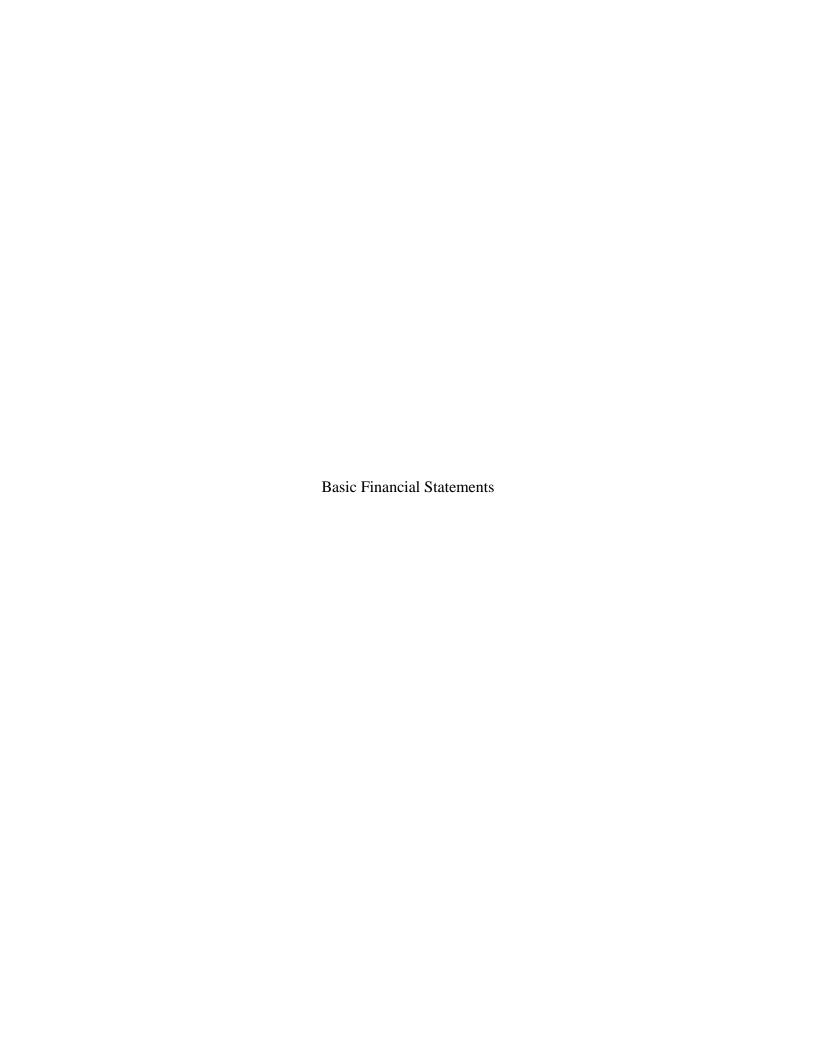
Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements as a whole that collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements. The budgetary comparison schedules - debt service and capital project funds and schedules of insurance in force and principal office holders, which are the responsibility of management, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements, and accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

#### Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 14, 2021, on our consideration of the North County Fire & Rescue Fire Protection District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the North County Fire & Rescue Fire Protection District's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the North County Fire & Rescue Fire Protection District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

### Fick, Eggemeyer & Williamson

Fick, Eggemeyer & Williamson, CPA's Saint Louis, Missouri June 14, 2021



## NORTH COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT STATEMENT OF NET POSITION DECEMBER 31, 2020

	Governmental Activities		
ASSETS		_	
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	3,997,738	
Certificates of deposit	·	13,897,164	
Taxes receivable, net of allowance		3,713,652	
Grants receivable		195,597	
Interest receivable		28,638	
Prepaid expenses		9,561	
Total current assets		21,842,350	
Noncurrent assets			
Capital assets, net of depreciation		2,382,786	
Total noncurrent assets	Φ.	2,382,786	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	24,225,136	
LIABILITIES Current liabilities Accounts payable	\$	40,433	
Salaries and benefits payable		80,837	
Internal balances		15,837	
Interest payable		152,557	
Current portion of long-term liabilities		385,000	
Total current liabilities		674,664	
Noncurrent liabilities			
Accrued compensated absences		254,367	
Bond premium		1,084,886	
Bonds payable		10,340,000	
Total noncurrent liabilities		11,679,253	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$	12,353,917	
NET POSITION	Ф	1 775 771	
Net investment in capital assets Restricted	\$	1,775,771	
Emergency Medical Service		606,351	
Dispatch		151,310	
Debt Service		896,271	
Capital projects		-	
Unrestricted		8,441,516	
TOTAL NET POSITION	\$	11,871,219	

## NORTH COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

					Progr	am Revenues	3			
			Fees	s, Fines and	C	Operating	C	apital	•	
			Cł	narges for	G	rants and	Gra	ents and	G	overnmental
FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS		Expenses		Services		Contributions		ributions	Activities	
Primary government:										
Governmental activities:										
Fire prevention and suppression	\$	4,941,059	\$	24,054	\$	435,029	\$	-	\$	(4,481,976)
Dispatching services		128,539		-		-		-		(128,539)
Interest and fiscal charges		349,811		-		-		-		(349,811)
Total governmental activities		5,419,409		24,054		435,029		-		(4,960,326)
	Gei	neral revenues	:							
	P	roperty taxes								5,725,084
	In	vestment inco	ome							72,630
	O	ther income								31,452
		Total gene	ral rev	renues						5,829,166
	Changes in net position									868,840
	Net	t position - be	oinnin	σ						11,002,379
		t position - en	-	· 0					\$	11,871,219

## NORTH COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BALANCE SHEET GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS DECEMBER 31, 2020

	General	Emergency dical Service	Dispatch	D	ebt Service	Ca	pital Projects	G	Total overnmental Funds
ASSETS									
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,849,070	\$ 326,149	\$ 112,709	\$	598,796	\$	1,111,014	\$	3,997,738
Certificates of deposit	4,890,193	-	-		-		9,006,971		13,897,164
Taxes receivable, net of allowance	2,589,758	518,976	65,183		539,735		-		3,713,652
Grants receivable	195,597	-	-		-		-		195,597
Interest receivable	23,360	-	-		-		5,278		28,638
Internal balances	37,393	-	3,408		7,365		1,300		49,466
Prepaid expenses	 4,763	 -	 4,798		-		-		9,561
Total assets	\$ 9,590,134	\$ 845,125	\$ 186,098	\$	1,145,896	\$	10,124,563	\$	21,891,816
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES LIABILITIES									
Accounts payable	\$ 12,330	\$ -	\$ -	\$	-	\$	28,103	\$	40,433
Salaries and benefits payable	80,837	-	-		-		-		80,837
Internal balances	26,610	-	-		1,300		37,393		65,303
Total liabilities	119,777	-	-		1,300		65,496		186,573
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES									
Unavailable revenue	 1,191,512	 238,774	 29,990		248,325				1,708,601
FUND BALANCES									
Unspendable	4,763	-	4,798		_		-		9,561
Restricted	_	606,351	151,310		896,271		10,059,067		11,712,999
Assigned	6,000,000	-	-		_		-		6,000,000
Unassigned	2,274,082	-	-		_		-		2,274,082
Total fund balances	8,278,845	606,351	156,108		896,271		10,059,067		19,996,642
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balances	\$ 9,590,134	\$ 845,125	\$ 186,098	\$	1,145,896	\$	10,124,563	\$	21,891,816

# NORTH COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION DECEMBER 31, 2020

Total fund balance - governmental funds		\$ 19,996,642
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:		
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and are not reported in the funds.	2,382,786	
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current period expenditure and, therefore, are deferred in the governmental funds.	1,708,601	
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the governmental funds. All liabilities both current are long-term are reported in the statement of net position.		
Accrued compensated absences	(254,367)	
Bonds payable	(10,725,000)	
Unamortized bond premium	(1,084,886)	
Interest payable	(152,557)	(12,216,810)
Net position of governmental activities		\$ 11,871,219

### NORTH COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

			Em	ergency						Total	Governmental
Revenues	Gene	ral	Medic	cal Service	Dispatch	Deb	t Service	Caj	pital Projects		Funds
Property taxes	\$ 4,0	27,559	\$	754,321	\$ 100,868	\$	657,277	\$	-	\$	5,540,025
Licenses, permits and fees		14,054		-	-		-		-		14,054
Investment income		56,399		1,004	237		655		14,335		72,630
Grant income	4	35,029		-	-		-		-		435,029
Charges for services		10,000		-	-		-		-		10,000
Other income		31,173		_	279						31,452
Total revenues	4,5	74,214		755,325	101,384		657,932		14,335		6,103,190
Expenditures											
Current											
Personal services	2,9	21,929		-	-		-		-		2,921,929
Employee benefits	8	71,044		-	-		-		-		871,044
Contractual services		62,570		-	-		-		-		62,570
Dispatching services		-		-	128,539		-		-		128,539
Building and equipment	1	61,179		-	-		-		-		161,179
Supplies and other		23,409		43,904	-		-		-		67,313
Administration	4	58,381		-	-		2,753		-		461,134
Capital outlay		61,878		-	-		-		422,731		484,609
Debt service											
Principal		-		-	-		1,510,000		-		1,510,000
Interest		-			-		44,740		_		44,740
Total expenditures	4,5	60,390		43,904	 128,539		1,557,493		422,731		6,713,057
Revenues over (under) expenditures		13,824		711,421	 (27,155)		(899,561)		(408,396)		(609,867)
Other financing sources (uses)											
Bond proceeds		_		-	_		1,286,107		10,545,302		11,831,409
Bond issuance costs		_		-	_		_		(187,049)		(187,049)
Transfers	6	89,964		(689,964)	_		_		_		-
Total other financing sources (uses)		89,964		(689,964)	-		1,286,107		10,358,253		11,644,360
Net change in fund balance	7	03,788		21,457	(27,155)		386,546		9,949,857		11,034,493
Fund balances - beginning	7,5	75,057		584,894	183,263		509,725		109,210		8,962,149
Fund balances - ending	\$ 8,2	78,845	\$	606,351	\$ 156,108	\$	896,271	\$	10,059,067	\$	19,996,642

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

# NORTH COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities a different because:	are	
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense.	e	
Capital outlay	324,050	
Depreciation expense	(207,917)	116,133
Bond proceeds provide current financial resources to governmental funds, but issuing debt increases long-term liabilities in the statement of net position. Repayment of bond principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net position. This is the amount by which proceeds exceeded repayments.		
Debt issued during the current year:		
Issuances of general obligation bonds	(10,725,000)	
Premium	(1,106,408)	
Repayments:		
Bonds payable	1,510,000	
Amortization of premiums on debt issuance	21,522	(10,299,886)
Bonds payable	· · ·	(10

Change in net position of governmental activities

Change in interest payable

Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not

Change in accrued compensated absences

require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.

Unavailable revenue

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds

\$ 868,840

185,059

(166,959)

185,059

(136,791)

(30,168)

11,034,493

#### NORTH COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION PENSION TRUST FUND DECEMBER 31, 2020

#### **ASSETS**

Cash and cash equivalents Certificates of deposit Investments, at fair value Taxes receivable Interest receivable Internal balances	\$ 83,690 120,000 10,549,408 324,533 12 15,837
Total assets	\$ 11,093,480
LIABILITIES	
Obligation - 457 plan	\$ 1,306,766
Total liabilities	1,306,766
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Unavailable revenue	\$ 149,313
Total deferred inflows of resources	 149,313
NET POSITION	
Held in trust for pension benefits	 9,637,401
Total net position	 9,637,401
Total liabilities, deferred inflow of resources and net position	\$ 11,093,480

# NORTH COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION PENSION TRUST FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

Additions		
Tax revenue	\$ 504,61	8
Net investment income	1,108,37	0'
Total additions	1,612,98	88
Deductions		
Administrative expenses	36,58	37
Benefits paid	205,53	31
Total deductions	242,11	8
Change in net position	1,370,87	0'
Net position held in trust for pension benefits		
January 1, 2020	8,266,53	<u>31</u>
December 31, 2020	\$ 9,637,40	)1_

#### Note 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting and financial reporting policies of the North County Fire & Rescue Fire Protection District (the District) conform to U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to government entities. The following is a summary of the more significant policies.

During 2020, the District legally changed its name from the Riverview Fire Protection District to the North County Fire & Rescue Fire Protection District.

#### Reporting Entity

The District provides fire protection and prevention services to the surrounding community. It operates as a political subdivision, duly organized under laws of the State of Missouri, and is funded by real and personal property tax revenue, licenses, permits, and miscellaneous revenues. An elected board of directors, who regulate all major operations, oversees the District.

The District defines its financial reporting entity in accordance with the provisions of Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 14, *The Financial Reporting Entity* (GASB 14). GASB 14 requirements for inclusion of component units are based primarily upon whether the District's governing body has any significant amount of financial accountability for potential component units. The District is financially accountable if it appoints a voting majority of a potential component unit's governing body and is able to impose its will on that potential component unit, or the potential component unit may provide specific financial benefits to, or impose specific financial burdens on, the District. Currently, the District does not have any component units.

#### Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of activities) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the District. As a general rule the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function. Taxes, unrestricted interest earnings, gains, and other miscellaneous revenues not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues. Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds, and fiduciary funds, although the latter are excluded from the government-wide financial statements. Major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

#### Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting, as are the fiduciary fund financial statements. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available.

#### Note 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Revenues are considered to be measurable and 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 60 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, are recorded only when payment is due.

Property taxes associated with the current fiscal period are considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the District.

Deferred revenue is reported on the governmental fund balance sheet. Deferred revenues arise when potential revenue does not meet both the measurable and available criteria. In a subsequent period when both criteria are met, the liability is removed and the revenue recognized.

#### **Fund Accounting**

The District uses fund accounting to maintain its financial records during the year. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self balancing set of accounts. The District has two categories of funds: governmental and fiduciary.

The government reports the following governmental funds:

#### General Fund

This fund is the general operating fund of the District. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

#### **Emergency Medical Service**

This fund is a Special Revenue Fund used to account for the proceeds of a special tax levy which is restricted for the provision of emergency medical services.

#### Dispatch

This fund is a Special Revenue Fund used to account for special revenues received which are specifically earmarked for expenditures for emergency vehicle dispatching services.

#### Debt Service

This fund is a Special Revenue Fund used to account for the fulfillment of future debt service requirements, including the repurchase of outstanding bonds issued.

#### **Capital Projects**

This fund is a Capital Projects Fund, which is used to account for cash received from bond proceeds and expenditures related to construction and other capital improvements.

Additionally, the government reports the following fund type:

#### Note 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Pension Trust Fund – This fund is used to account for assets held by the District in a trustee capacity or as an agent for individual, private organizations, other governmental units, and/or other funds. The District's Pension Trust Fund includes the assets of the defined contribution pension plan.

#### Cash and Cash Equivalents

The District considers all highly liquid debt instruments with a maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents. Missouri State Statute requires that all deposits with financial institutions be collateralized in an amount at least equal to uninsured deposits.

#### **Investments**

Investments are reported at fair value. Short-term investments are reported at cost, which approximates fair value. Mutual fund investments, related to the retirement fund, are reported at their fair value by the pension plan administrator. Certificates of deposit held at banks with an original maturity in excess of three months are reported at cost and listed in the financial statements as certificates of deposit.

#### Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources until then.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The government has one type of item, which arises only under a modified accrual basis of accounting, that qualifies for reporting in this category. Accordingly, the item, unavailable revenues, is reported only in the governmental funds balance sheet. The governmental funds report unavailable revenues from various sources. These amounts are deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the period that the amounts have become available.

#### Allowance for Doubtful Accounts

The District calculates an allowance for uncollectible accounts using historical collection data and, in certain cases, specific account analysis. The allowance at December 31, 2020 is allocated as follows:

Fund	Balance
General	\$ 1,032,315
<b>Emergency Medical Services</b>	206,871
Dispatch	25,983
Debt Service	215,146
Pension	129,364
	\$ 1,609,679

#### Use of Estimates

The preparation of basic financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires the District to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts in the basic financial statements and the accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### Note 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### **Interfund Activities**

Interfund transfers represent interfund activities whereby the two parties to the transaction do not receive equivalent cash, goods, or services. Transfers should be reported as other financing sources and uses on the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Change in Fund Balance. Any resulting balances at the end of the accounting period should be reported as internal balances.

#### Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property and equipment, are reported in the governmental activities column in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the District as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$5,000 and estimated useful lives in excess of one year. Such assets are recorded at historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value on the date of donation. The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the assets or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized.

Depreciation is being computed on the straight-line method, using asset lives as follows:

Assets	Years
Building and improvements	10-40
Vehicles	5-12
Fire equipment	5-20
Equipment and fixtures	5-10

#### Governmental Fund Balances

Fund balance is the difference between assets and liabilities in a Governmental Fund. In accordance with Government Accounting Standards Board 54, Fund Balance Reporting and Government Fund Type Definitions, the following types of fund balances are presented in the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet:

Nonspendable - the portion of a Governmental Fund's net assets that are not available to be spent, either short term or long term, in either form or through legal restrictions. The nonspendable fund balances reported in the General and Dispatching Fund are for prepaid assets.

Restricted - the portion of a Governmental Fund's net assets that are subject to external enforceable legal restrictions. The following account's fund balances are restricted by Tax Levy and bond funding: Emergency Medical Services, Dispatching, Debt Service and Capital Projects.

Assigned - the portion of a Governmental Fund's net assets to denote an intended use of resources. The accounts presented with assigned fund balances are specified for future operations by the Board of Directors. A portion of the General Fund comprises the assigned fund balance.

Unassigned - available expendable financial resources in a governmental fund that are not designated for a specific purpose. The General Fund comprises the unassigned fund balance

The District uses restricted amounts first when both restricted and unrestricted fund balances are available, unless there are legal contracts that prohibit doing this.

#### Note 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### **Net Position**

Net Position represents the difference between assets and liabilities. Net investment in capital assets represents the cost of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balance of any long-term debt used to build or acquire the capital assets. Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on its use either through enabling legislation or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, or laws or regulations of other governments. All other net position is reported as unrestricted.

When restricted sources are available for use, it is the District's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

#### Compensated Absences

District employees are entitled to accumulate vacation pay within specific limits. Accrued vacation is considered a general liability, split between current and long-term, and is reported in the government-wide statement of net position rather than be reported as a liability in the governmental funds. Employees are not entitled to compensation for unused sick leave and accordingly no liability has been recorded.

#### 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; and natural disasters for which the District carries commercial insurance.

The District participates in a public entity risk pool with other districts covering workmen compensation benefits. Stop-loss coverage exists for individual claims exceeding \$2,000,000. Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

#### Tax Abatement

Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 77, *Tax Abatement Disclosures*, defines tax abatement, for financial reporting purposes, as a reduction in tax revenue resulting from an agreement between one or more governments and an individual or entity in which (a) one or more governments promise to forgo tax revenues to which they are otherwise entitled and (b) the individual or entity promises to take specific action after the agreement has been entered into that contributes to economic development or other benefits the governments or the citizens of those governments.

#### **Note 2 - CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS**

During 2018 a contractual agreement was signed with Central County Emergency 911 for dispatching services for the years 2019 through 2023. Terms of the agreement state that monies allocated for dispatching services from tax collections due (ranging from per levy 3.5 cents per \$100.00 assessed valuation to 3.75 cents) and must be remitted to Central County Emergency 911 in two annual installments.

The District entered into an agreement with the City of Flordell Hills to provide fire protection services. The contract period was from September 1, 2015 to August 1, 2016 at a price of \$1,000 per month. The agreement converted to month-to-month at the end of the term.

#### **Note 3 - DEPOSITS**

Missouri Statutes require that all non-fiduciary deposits be protected by insurance, surety bond, or collateral. The market value of the collateral pledged must equal 100% of the deposits not covered by insurance or corporate surety bonds.

Deposits - At year-end, the carrying amount of the District's deposits totaled \$4,081,428 (including fiduciary cash of \$83,690) and bank balances totaled \$4,296,684. At year-end, the District held certificates of deposit with a total carrying amount, which approximates fair market value, of \$14,017,164 (including fiduciary certificates of deposit of \$120,000). These are shown as certificates of deposit due to their original maturity dates.

Custodial Credit Risk - Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the District's deposits may not be returned to it. The District has a deposit policy for custodial credit risk that follows Missouri Statutes for non-fiduciary deposits.

Of the bank balances (including demand deposits and certificates of deposit) the entire balance was insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) or pledged securities held in the name of the District.

#### **Note 4 - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS**

The Financial Accounting Standards Board establishes a framework for measuring fair value. That framework provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described below:

Level 1- Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Pension Fund has the ability to access.

Level 2 - Inputs to the valuation methodology include:

Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;

Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets;

Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability.

Level 3- Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2020.

Mutual Funds and equity annuity: Valued at the net asset value ("NAV") of shares held by the Pension Fund at year end.

Variable Annuities: Values are calculated daily by the annuity provider according to the methods described in the annuity contract.

#### **Note 4 - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS** (continued)

The methods described above may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, while the Fund believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Fund's assets at fair value as of December 31, 2020:

	Level 1	Level 2		Level 2 Leve		Total
Mutual funds	\$ 4,794,355	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 4,794,355
Annuities			5,755,053			 5,755,053
Totals	\$ 4,794,355	\$	5,755,053	\$		\$ 10,549,408

Concentration of Credit Risk - Individual investments which exceeded 5% or more of the net assets available for benefits on December 31, 2020 were as follows:

Vanguard Target Retirement 2025 Fund	\$	672,714
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#### **Note 5 - LEGAL DEBT MARGIN**

ASSESSED VALUATION - 2020 LEVY	\$ 219,547,622
Statutory debt limitation	\$ 10,977,381
5% of assessed valuation	
Less: Bonded debt	10,725,000
LEGAL DEBT MARGIN	\$ 252,381

#### **Note 6 - OTHER POSTEMPLOYEMENT BENEFITS**

The District's non-pension post employment benefits liability were evaluated. Former employees who choose to retain their rights to health insurance through the District are required to pay 100% of the current premium. As of December 31, 2020 one former employees was on the District's health insurance plan. The implicit subsidy calculated in accordance with GASB Statement No. 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions* is immaterial. Therefore, the District has not recorded any post employment benefit liability as of December 31, 2020.

#### Note 7 - INTERFUND RECEIVABLES/PAYABLES AND TRANSFERS

The composition of interfund balances as of December 31, 2020 is as follows:

Receivable Fund	Payable Fund	December	31, 2020
Dispatching Fund	General Fund	\$	3,408
Debt Service Fund	General Fund		7,365
Capital Projects Fund	Debt Service Fund		1,300
General Fund	Capital Projects Fund		37,393
Pension Fund	General Fund		15,837

The interfund balances relate to costs incurred for operating activities. The balance is expected to be repaid within one year.

During 2020 the Emergency Medical Services Fund transferred \$689,964 to the General Fund for operating.

#### **Note 8 - PROPERTY TAXES**

Property taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property as of January 1. Taxes are levied on November 1 and payable by December 31. The county collects the property tax and remits it to the District.

The assessed valuation of the tangible real, personal taxable, and state assessed railroad and utilities property for the calendar year 2020 for purposes of local taxation was \$219,547,622. The tax levy per \$100 of the assessed valuation of tangible taxable property for the calendar year 2020 for purposes of local taxation was:

Re	sidential	Agricultural		Coı	mmercial	P	ersonal	Blended Rate		
\$	1.8320	\$	1.5149	\$	1.9025	\$	1.9837	\$	1.8713	
	0.3660		0.3970		0.3830		0.4000		0.3750	
	0.0460		-		0.0480		0.0500		0.0471	
	0.3900		0.3900		0.3900		0.3900		0.3900	
	0.2290		0.2480		0.2390		0.2500		0.2345	
\$	2.8630	\$	2.5499	\$	2.9625	\$	3.0737	\$	2.9179	
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#### **Note 9 – TAX ABATEMENTS**

Saint Louis County has granted tax abatements through the Advance Industrials Manufacturing Zones Act Program, Industrial Development Bonds Program, Enhanced Enterprise Zone Initiative Program, and the Urban Development Corporations Program. These programs are under Chapters 68, 100, 135, and 353 of the Local Code in the tax jurisdiction of the District. Chapter 68 encourages industrial development through the issuance of bonds by the Port Authority. Chapter 100 encourages industrial development through the issuance of bonds by the County or Municipality. Chapter 135 encourages the expansion or development of new businesses in an Enhanced Enterprise Zone (EEZ), and Chapter 353 encourages the redevelopment of blighted areas by way of a Redevelopment Corporation. For calendar year 2020, the total amount of property tax abated was \$6,040.

#### **Note 10 - DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN**

The District administers and funds a single employer defined contribution pension plan for its firefighters. The defined contribution plan provides for individual participant accounts, is administered by the District, and covers all employees. District contributions to the plan are allocated to participants in the proportion that each participant's compensation bears to the total compensation of all participants.

Participants cannot contribute to the plan. An employee is eligible as of his date of employment if he works 1,000 hours in his first year of employment. For 2020, the District will contribute a total of \$548,727 to the defined contribution plan. Under provisions of the defined contribution plan, District contributions are discretionary; however, Missouri Revised Statutes require that the proceeds from the pension tax levy be invested in pension funds for the purpose of providing pension benefits.

#### Note 11 - DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN

All employees of the District may choose to participate in a deferred compensation plan adopted under the provisions of Internal Revenue Code Section 457 (Deferred Compensation Plans with Respect to Service for State and Local Governments). Under the plan, employees may elect to defer a portion of their salaries and avoid paying taxes on the deferred portion until the withdrawal date. The deferred compensation amount is not available for withdrawal by employees until termination, retirement, death or an unforeseeable emergency.

An unrelated financial institution administers the deferred compensation plan. Under the terms of an IRC Section 457 deferred compensation plan, all deferred compensation and income attributable to the investment of the deferred compensation amounts held by the financial institution, until paid or made available to the employees of beneficiaries, are the property of the District, subject only to claims of the District's general creditors.

In addition, the participants in the plan have rights that are equal to his or her share of the fair market value of the plan assets. The District believes it is unlikely plan assets will be needed to satisfy claims arising from general creditors. As part of its fiduciary role, the District has an obligation of due care in selecting the third-party administrator. In the opinion of the District's legal counsel, the District has acted in a prudent manner and should not be liable for losses that may arise from the administration of the plan.

#### **Note 12 - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

Management has evaluated subsequent events through June 14, 2021, the date which the financial statements were available for issue, and noted no reportable events.

#### **Note 13 - BONDS PAYABLE**

During 2010 the District issued \$3,000,000 in general obligation bonds for the purpose of improving fire protection, acquiring two new fire trucks and other needed equipment, demolishing and building a replacement to Fire House 2 and maintaining and repairing existing facilities. The bonds carried interest at rates of 2.0% to 4.0% and matured from March 1, 2012 to 2025.

#### Note 14 - BONDS PAYABLE (continued)

During 2020 the District issued \$10,725,000 in general obligation bonds for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, repairing, improving, maintaining, furnishing and equipping stations and refunding the 2010 bonds. General obligation bonds are direct obligations issued on a pledge of the general taxing power for the payment of the debt obligations of the District. They require the District to compute, at the times taxes are levied, the rate required to provide a fund to pay interest and principal at maturity. The outstanding bonds carry interest rates of 3.0% to 4.0% and mature from March 1, 2021 to 2040.

#### Debt Service Requirements to Maturity

The annual debt service requirements for bonded debt as of December 31, 2020 are as follows:

Year Ending						
December 31,	Principal		Interest	Total		
2021	\$	385,000	\$ 331,403	\$	716,403	
2022		405,000	314,025		719,025	
2023		415,000	301,725		716,725	
2024		430,000	289,050		719,050	
2025		445,000	275,925		720,925	
2026-2030		2,440,000	1,148,800		3,588,800	
2031-2035		2,870,000	720,750		3,590,750	
2036-2040		3,335,000	256,125		3,591,125	
	\$	10,725,000	\$ 3,637,803	\$	14,362,803	

#### **Note 15 - LONG-TERM LIABILITIES**

The following is a summary of changes in long-term commitments:

January 1,							De	cember 31,	Due	Within
		2020 Additions		Reductions		2020		One Year		
Compensated absences *	\$	224,199	\$	30,168	\$	-	\$	254,367	\$	-
Bond premium	\$	-		1,106,408		(21,522)		1,084,886		-
Bonds payable		1,510,000		10,725,000	()	1,510,000)		10,725,000	3	85,000
	\$	1,734,199	\$	11,861,576	\$(2	1,531,522)	\$	12,064,253	\$ 3	85,000

<sup>\*</sup> Due to limitations, gross amounts for additions and reductions are not readily available. Net changes are shown above.

#### **Note 16 - OPERATING LEASES**

In 2013 the District entered into two operating lease agreements for solar panels. The lease agreements run from July 2014 through July 2034 and each agreement requires monthly payments of \$170. Lease expenditures for the year ended December 31, 2020 were \$4,080.

Note 16 - OPERATING LEASES (continued)

Future minimum lease payments under the above leases are as follows:

Year Ending December 31,	Α	mount
2021	\$	4,080
2022		4,080
2023		4,080
2023		4,080
2023		4,080
2026 and thereafter		36,720
	\$	57,120

#### **Note 17 - CAPITAL ASSETS**

The following is a summary of changes in capital assets - governmental activities:

	Beginning	Inomogog	<b>Д</b> оо <b>т</b> оодод	Ending
Governmental activities:	<b>Balances</b>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<b>Balances</b>
Land	\$ 29,800	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 29,800
Construction in Progress	Ψ 2 <i>&gt;</i> ,000	17,048	Ψ -	17,048
Total capital assets		17,010		17,010
not being depreciated	29,800	17,048		46,848
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Buildings and other improvements	2,753,225	-	-	2,753,225
Vehicles	1,356,153	29,000	-	1,385,153
Fire equipment and vehicles	930,190	88,796	-	1,018,986
Equipment and fixtures	117,925			117,925
Total capital assets				
being depreciated	5,157,493	117,796		5,275,289
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings and other improvements	1,277,676	49,071	-	1,326,747
Vehicles	730,247	93,098	-	823,345
Fire equipment and vehicles	794,792	65,748	-	860,540
Equipment and fixtures	117,925			117,925
Total accumulated depreciation	2,920,640	207,917		3,128,557
Total net capital assets				
being depreciated	2,236,853	(90,121)		2,146,732
Governmental activity				
capital assets, net	\$2,266,653	\$ (73,073)	\$ -	\$2,193,580

Depreciation expense of \$207,917 was charged to the function fire prevention and suppression.

Required Supplementary Information (Other than Management's Discussion and Analysis)

### NORTH COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE GENERAL FUND

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

Budgeted	1 mounts
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	Budgeted Amounts							
	Original						Variance	
	Original			Final		Actual	Positiv	ve (Negative)
Revenues								
Property taxes	\$	3,433,591	\$	4,027,559	\$	4,027,559	\$	-
Licenses, permits and fees		10,000		14,054		14,054		-
Investment income		45,000		56,399		56,399		-
Grant income		348,048		435,030		435,029		(1)
Charges for services		12,000		10,000		10,000		-
Other income		70,000		31,173		31,173		
Total revenues		3,918,639		4,574,215		4,574,214		(1)
Expenditures								
Current								
Personal services		2,759,348		2,929,247		2,921,929		7,318
Employee benefits		1,001,500		1,004,437		871,044		133,393
Contractual services		60,000		62,570		62,570		-
Building and equipment		122,500		188,184		161,179		27,005
Supplies and other		65,000		65,000		23,409		41,591
Administration		440,000		490,525		458,381		32,144
Capital outlay		-		61,878		61,878		=
Total expenditures		4,448,348		4,801,841		4,560,390		241,451
Revenues over (under) expenditures		(529,709)		(227,626)		13,824		241,450
Other financing sources (uses)								
Transfers		689,964		689,964		689,964		-
Total other financing sources (uses)		689,964		689,964		689,964		-
Net change in fund balance	\$	160,255	\$	462,338	ı	703,788	\$	241,450
Fund balance, beginning of year						7,575,057		
Fund balance, end of year					\$	8,278,845		

#### NORTH COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

		Budgeted						
	Original			Final	Actual		Variance Positive (Negative)	
Revenues								
Property taxes	\$	687,964	\$	754,321	\$	754,321	\$	_
Investment income		2,000		1,004		1,004		_
Total revenues		689,964		755,325		755,325		
Expenditures								
Current operating								
Supplies and other				43,904		43,904		
Total expenditures		-		43,904		43,904		
Revenues over (under) expenditures		689,964		711,421		711,421		-
Other financing sources (uses)								
Transfers		(689,964)		(689,964)		(689,964)		-
Total other financing sources (uses)		(689,964)		(689,964)		(689,964)		
Net change in fund balance	\$		\$	21,457		21,457	\$	
Fund balance, beginning of year						584,894		
Fund balance, end of year					\$	606,351		

### NORTH COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE DISPATCH FUND

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

	Budgeted Amounts							
	(	Original		Final		Actual	Varia Positive (N	
Revenues								
Property taxes	\$	85,855	\$	100,868	\$	100,868	\$	-
Investment income		300		237		237		-
Other income		-		280		279		1
Total revenues		86,155		101,385		101,384		1
Expenditures Current operating Dispatching services Total expenditures		86,155 86,155		128,539 128,539		128,539 128,539		<u>-</u>
Net change in fund balance	\$	-	\$	(27,154)		(27,155)	\$	1
Fund balance - beginning of year						183,263		
Fund balance - end of year					\$	156,108		

#### NORTH COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DECEMBER 31, 2020

#### NOTE 1 - BUDGETS AND BUDGETARY ACCOUNTING

The District follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

- Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year for all governmental funds. The budgets are adopted on a modified accrual basis of accounting.
- 2. The District's accountant submits to the Board of Directors a proposed budget for the fiscal year commencing the following January 1. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them.
- 3. Public hearings are conducted to obtain comments from all interested parties.
- 4. Prior to September 1st of the year preceding the start of the budget year, the budget is formally adopted.
- 5. The District's accountant is authorized to transfer budgeted amounts between departments within any fund; however, any revisions that alter the total expenditures of any fund must be approved by the Board of Directors.
- 6. Unused appropriations lapse at the end of the year.

#### NOTE 2 - EXPENDITURES IN EXCESS OF BUDGET

	 Budget	 Actual		
Debt service fund	\$ 271,386	\$ 1,557,493		



## NORTH COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE DEBT SERVICE FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

Budgeted	Amounts
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	Budgeted Amounts						
		Original		Final		Actual	Variance ive (Negative)
Revenues							 ( )
Property taxes	\$	267,053	\$	657,277	\$	657,277	\$ -
Investment income		1,000		655		655	-
Total revenues		268,053		657,932		657,932	-
Expenditures							
Current operating							
Administration		2,000		2,753		2,753	-
Debt service							
Principal		215,000		215,000		1,510,000	(1,295,000)
Interest		53,633		53,633		44,740	8,893
Total expenditures		270,633		271,386		1,557,493	(1,286,107)
Revenues over (under) expenditures		(2,580)		386,546		(899,561)	 (1,286,107)
Other financing sources (uses)							
Bond proceeds		-		-		1,286,107	1,286,107
Total other financing sources (uses)		-		-		1,286,107	1,286,107
Net change in fund balance	\$	(2,580)	\$	386,546	1	386,546	\$ -
Fund balance - beginning of year						509,725	
Fund balance - end of year					\$	896,271	

#### NORTH COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

	Budgeted Amounts							
	Original		Final		Actual		Variance Positive (Negative)	
Revenues								
Investment income	\$	500	\$	14,335	\$	14,335	\$	
Total revenues		500		14,335		14,335		-
Expenditures								
Capital outlay		100,000		503,982		422,731		81,251
Total expenditures		100,000		503,982		422,731		81,251
Revenues over (under) expenditures		(99,500)		(489,647)		(408,396)		81,251
Other financing sources (uses)								
Bond proceeds		-		10,439,503		10,545,302		105,799
Bond issuance costs		-				(187,049)		(187,049)
Total other financing sources (uses)				10,439,503		10,358,253		(81,250)
Net change in fund balance	\$	(99,500)	\$	9,949,856		9,949,857	\$	1
Fund balance - beginning of year						109,210		
Fund balance - end of year					\$	10,059,067		

### NORTH COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT SCHEDULE OF INSURANCE IN FORCE DECEMBER 31, 2020

INSURANCE IN FORCE	INSURANCE COMPANY	<u>COVERAGE</u>
Commercial automobile policy Liability Auto medical payments Uninsured motorists Comprehensive coverage Collision	American Alternative Insurance Co.	\$1,000,000 liability \$5,000/person \$1,000,000/accident Actual cash value/agreed insurance value Actual cash value/agreed insurance value
Commercial umbrella	American Alternative Insurance Co.	\$2,000,000/occurrence \$4,000,000/aggregate
Commercial general liability	American Alternative Insurance Co.	\$1,000,000 each occurrence \$10,000,000 general aggregate \$10,000,000 product completed ops agg \$1,000,000 personal and advertising injury \$5,000 medical expense (any one person)
Commercial property Buildings Personal property Portable equipment floater	American Alternative Insurance Co.	\$5,274,280 guaranteed replacement costs \$543,916 blanket replacement costs Guaranteed replacement costs
Cyber liability	American Alternative Insurance Co.	\$1,000,000/occurrence \$50,000 private mitigation
Management liability	American Alternative Insurance Co.	\$1,000,000/occurance \$10,000,000 aggregate limit \$50,000 defense injunctive relief
Worker's compensation	MoFAD	Statutory limits
Benefit Plan Fiduciary Liability	Travelers	\$1,000,000 all claims
Public employees position schedule bond	CNA Surety	\$1,000 each

### NORTH COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT SCHEDULE OF PRINCIPAL OFFICE HOLDERS DECEMBER 31, 2020

OFFICE HOLDER	<u>TITLE</u>	ANNUAL <u>COMPENSATION</u>		
Richard Tiberghien	Chairman	\$	10,800	
Kevin Anthony	Secretary	\$	10,600	
Grace Harvey	Treasurer	\$	10,600	







# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

To the Board of Directors North County Fire & Rescue Fire Protection District St. Louis, Missouri

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the North County Fire & Rescue Fire Protection District, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the North County Fire & Rescue Fire Protection District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated June 14, 2021.

#### **Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

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

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

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the North County Fire & Rescue Fire Protection District's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the 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.

### Fick, Eggemeyer & Williamson

Fick, Eggemeyer, & Williamson, CPA's Saint Louis, Missouri June 14, 2021

### NORTH COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

#### Section I - Summary of Auditors' Results

#### **Financial Statements**

Type of auditors' report issued: Unmodified		
Internal control over financial reporting:		
Material weaknesses identified	Yes	X No
Reportable conditions identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses	Yes	X No
Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?	Yes	X No
Federal Awards - NA		
Internal control over major programs:		
Material weaknesses identified?	Yes _	No
Reportable conditions identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses	Yes _	No
Type of auditors' report issued on compliance for major progra	ams: N/A	
Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with Uniform Guidance	Yes	No
Identification of major program:		
CFDA Numbers Name of Federal Progra	am or Cluster	
None		
Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs:	\$ 750,000	
Auditee qualified as low risk auditee?	Yes	No

#### SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS

Findings relating to financial statements which are required to be reported in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*:

N/A