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To the County Judge and Commissioners' Court
Maverick County, Texas

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Maverick County, Texas as of and for the year ended September 30, 2017, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered Maverick County, Texas' internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Maverick County, Texas' internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Maverick County, Texas' internal control.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. However, as discussed below, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses and other deficiencies that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

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. We consider the following deficiencies in internal control to be material weaknesses:

1. Tax office.

The Tax Office accounting function was not maintained in a proper and timely manner nor was there sufficient oversight maintained by both the County and the Tax Office.

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. We consider the following deficiencies in internal control to be significant deficiencies:

1. Segregation of Duties / Review and Initialing

Segregation of Duties – due to the limited number of people working in the office, many critical duties are combined and given to the available employees. To the extent possible, duties should be segregated to serve as a check and balance on the employee's integrity and to maintain the best control system as possible. The County should work to eliminate the lack of segregation of duties through a process of review and initialing.

2. No Depository Contract

Depository Contract – the County did not have a fully executed Depository Contract during the fiscal year under audit. The County should negotiate and enter into a bank depository contract with its financial institution and review / renew the contract prior to the termination date in order to maintain a current status.

This communication is intended solely for the information and use of management, Commissioners' Court, and others within Maverick County, Texas, and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.



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