

January 7, 2021

To the Honorable David Johnson Property Appraiser of Seminole County, Florida Sanford, Florida

We have audited the special purpose financial statements of the Seminole County, Florida Property Appraiser (the "Property Appraiser") for the year ended September 30, 2020, and have issued our report thereon dated January 7, 2021. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards and Government Auditing Standards, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information as documented in our workpapers dated November 5, 2020. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

#### SIGNIFICANT AUDIT FINDINGS

#### Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by the Property Appraiser are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during 2020. We noted no transactions entered into by the governmental unit during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the special purpose financial statements in the proper period.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected.

Certain financial statement disclosures are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. We did not note any sensitive disclosures affecting the financial statements. The disclosures in the financial statements are neutral, consistent, and clear.

#### DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED IN PERFORMING THE AUDIT

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

#### CORRECTED AND UNCORRECTED MISSTATEMENTS

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Management has corrected all such misstatements. In addition, none of the misstatements detected as a result of audit procedures and corrected by management were material, either individually or in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole.

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#### DISAGREEMENTS WITH MANAGEMENT

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

#### MANAGEMENT REPRESENTATIONS

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated January 7, 2021.

#### MANAGEMENT CONSULTATIONS WITH OTHER INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the governmental unit's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

#### OTHER AUDIT FINDINGS OR ISSUES

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the governmental unit's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

#### RESTRICTION ON USE

This information is intended solely for the use of David Johnson, Property Appraiser, and management of the Property Appraiser and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,

MSL, P.A.

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# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Year Ended September 30, 2020

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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Honorable David Johnson Property Appraiser of Seminole County, Florida

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

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Seminole County, Florida Property Appraiser (the "Property Appraiser") as of and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Property Appraiser'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 an opinion 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 of 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 Property Appraiser'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 Property Appraiser'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 opinion.

#### **Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to in the first paragraph present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the Property Appraiser as of September 30, 2020, and the respective changes in financial position and the budgetary comparison for the general fund for the fiscal year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (Concluded)

#### **Emphasis-of-Matter**

As described in Note 1 to the financial statements, the accompanying financial statements were prepared for the purpose of complying with Section 218.39, Florida Statutes, and Section 10.557(3), *Rules of the Auditor General for Local Governmental Entity Audits*. These financial statements are not intended to be a complete presentation of financial position of Seminole County, Florida as of September 30, 2020, and the changes in its financial position for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

#### Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated January 7, 2021, on our consideration of the Property Appraiser's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Property Appraiser's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

MSL, P.A.

Certified Public Accountants

### **BALANCE SHEET - GENERAL FUND**

# **September 30, 2020**

### **ASSETS**

Cash	\$	140,689
Due from other governments		670
Due from Board of County Commissioners		94,629
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	235,988
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LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	\$	6,579
Due to employees		3,768
Due to Board of County Commissioners		222,053
Due to other governments		3,588
Due to other governments		2,200
TOTAL LIABILITIES		235,988
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FUND BALANCE		
Unassigned		-
TOTAL FUND BALANCE		
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TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	2	235,988

# STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - GENERAL FUND

### Year Ended September 30, 2020

UNRESTRICTED REVENUES			
Charges for services		\$	95,952
Miscellaneous revenue			42
Grant Revenue			94,629
	TOTAL UNRESTRICTED REVENUES		190,623
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
General government:			
Salaries and benefits			5,379,394
Capital outlay			62,846
Other operating expenditures			686,375
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES		( 130 (15
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES		6,128,615
	DEFICIENCY OF UNRESTRICTED REVENUES		
	UNDER EXPENDITURES	(	(5,937,992)
			(2,721,772)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers in from Board of County			6,160,045
Transfers out to Board of County			(222,053)
	TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)		5,937,992
	NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE		-
	FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR		_
	FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	\$	

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

# STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - GENERAL FUND - BUDGET AND ACTUAL

### Year Ended September 30, 2020

	Original Budget Final Bu		Actual	Variance	
REVENUES					
Charges for services	\$ 99,527	\$ 99,540	\$ 95,952	\$ (3,588)	
Miscellaneous revenue	-	-	42	42	
Grant Revenue			94,629	94,629	
TOTAL REVENUES	99,527	99,540	190,623	91,083	
EXPENDITURES					
Current:					
General government:					
Salaries and benefits	5,463,645	5,480,426	5,379,394	101,032	
Capital outlay	20,000	63,800	62,846	954	
Other operating expenditures	648,642	716,142	686,375	29,767	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	6,132,287	6,260,368	6,128,615	131,753	
DEFICIENCY OF REVENUES					
UNDER EXPENDITURES	(6,032,760)	(6,160,828)	(5,937,992)	222,836	
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)					
Transfers in from Board of County Commissioners	6,032,760	6,160,828	6,160,045	(783)	
Transfers out to Board of County Commissioners			(222,053)	(222,053)	
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING					
SOURCES (USES)	6,032,760	6,160,828	5,937,992	(222,836)	
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	-	-	-	-	
FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR					
FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	

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

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Year Ended September 30, 2020

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

The following is a summary of the more significant accounting policies used in the preparation of these financial statements.

#### **Reporting Requirement**

The Seminole County, Florida Property Appraiser (the "Property Appraiser") is a separately elected county official, established pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Florida. These financial statements are not intended to be a complete presentation of the financial position of Seminole County, Florida (the "County") as of September 30, 2020, and the changes in its financial position for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. These financial statements are presented to comply with the requirements of Section 218.39, Florida Statutes, and Section 10.557(3) of the *Rules of the Auditor General for Local Governmental Entity Audits*. The Property Appraiser's General Fund is combined with the Board of County Commissioners' (the "Board") and other constitutional officers' general funds in the Seminole County, Florida Comprehensive Annual Financial Report ("CAFR") to properly reflect the county-wide General Fund.

#### **Description of Fund**

The accounting records are organized on the basis of funds and classified for reporting purposes into one basic fund type:

<u>General Fund</u> – The General Fund is a governmental fund used to account for all revenues and expenditures applicable to the general operations of the Property Appraiser. The General Fund measurement focus is based upon a determination of financial position and changes in financial position (sources, uses and balances of financial resources, rather than upon net income determination).

#### **Basis of Accounting and Presentation**

The accounts of the General Fund are maintained on the modified accrual basis. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, expenditures are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred, and revenues are recorded when received in cash or when they are considered both measurable and available and, as such, susceptible to accrual. The extent to which General Fund revenues exceed General Fund expenditures is reflected as a liability in compliance with Florida Statutes.

#### NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### **Transfers**

In accordance with Florida Statutes, all unexpended balances at year-end are owed to the Board. These excess fees are reported as transfers out. Appropriations from the Board are presented as transfers in.

#### **Capital Assets**

The tangible personal property used by the Property Appraiser is reported as capital assets in the statement of net position as part of the basic financial statements of the County. Upon acquisition, such assets are recorded as expenditures in the General Fund of the Property Appraiser and are capitalized at cost in the capital assets accounts of the County. The Property Appraiser maintains custodial responsibility for the capital assets used by its office.

#### NOTE 2 - CASH AND INVESTMENTS

#### Cash

Cash consists of various demand deposit accounts, which are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or are covered by the state of Florida collateral pool, a multiple, financial institution pool with the ability to assess its members for collateral shortfalls if a member institution fails.

#### **Investments**

Florida Statutes 218.415, 219.075, and the Property Appraiser's investment policy authorize investments in repurchase agreements administered by the Florida State Board of Administration. The Property Appraiser had no investments at September 30, 2020.

#### **NOTE 3 - PENSION PLAN**

#### **Plan Description**

The Property Appraiser's employees participate in the Florida Retirement System ("FRS"), a multiple-employer, cost-sharing, retirement system, administered by the Florida Department of Management Services. The Property Appraiser's employees have the option of choosing between either a Defined Contribution plan or a Defined Benefit plan. As a general rule, membership in the FRS is compulsory for all employees working in a regularly established position for a state agency, county government, district school board, state university, community college, or a participating city or special district within the state of Florida.

For financial reporting purposes, the Property Appraiser is deemed to be part of the primary government of the County. The liability, if any, related to the Property Appraiser's proportionate share of FRS retirement benefits, along with a detailed plan description, is reported in the financial statements of the County for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2020.

The Property Appraiser has no responsibility to FRS other than to make the periodic contributions required by State Statutes. The Florida Division of Retirement issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for FRS. The report may be obtained by writing to the Florida Division of Retirement, 2639 Monroe Street, Building C, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1560.

### **Funding Policy**

The Property Appraiser's contributions to the FRS for fiscal years ended September 30, 2018 through 2020 were: \$379,965, \$422,985, and \$468,527, respectively, which were equal to the required contribution for each fiscal year.

Employees are required to contribute 3% towards the FRS. Employee withholdings for this purpose amounted to \$87,277, \$87,312, and \$84,527, for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2018 through 2020, respectively, which were equal to the required contribution for each fiscal year.

#### NOTE 4 - INSURANCE COVERAGE

The County maintains a self-insurance program that provides for coverage of substantially all risks. Various excess catastrophic insurance policies with a commercial carrier are also in force for claims exceeding the amount chargeable against the loss fund. Any public liability loss, which exceeds the self-insurance coverage limit, would remain the responsibility of the County. The Property Appraiser participated in the County's self-insurance program during fiscal year 2020. For additional information related to these programs, see the County's CAFR for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2020.

#### **NOTE 5 - LONG-TERM LIABILITIES**

The Property Appraiser incurs a liability for employees' rights to receive compensation for future absences when certain conditions are met. The Property Appraiser is not legally required and does not accumulate expendable, available financial resources to liquidate this obligation. A summary of changes in long-term liabilities for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2020 is as follows:

	Balance			Balance	Due
	October 1,			September 30,	Within
	2019	Additions	Retirements	2020	One Year
Compensated absences	\$448,364	\$464,104	\$402,200	\$510,268	\$435,722

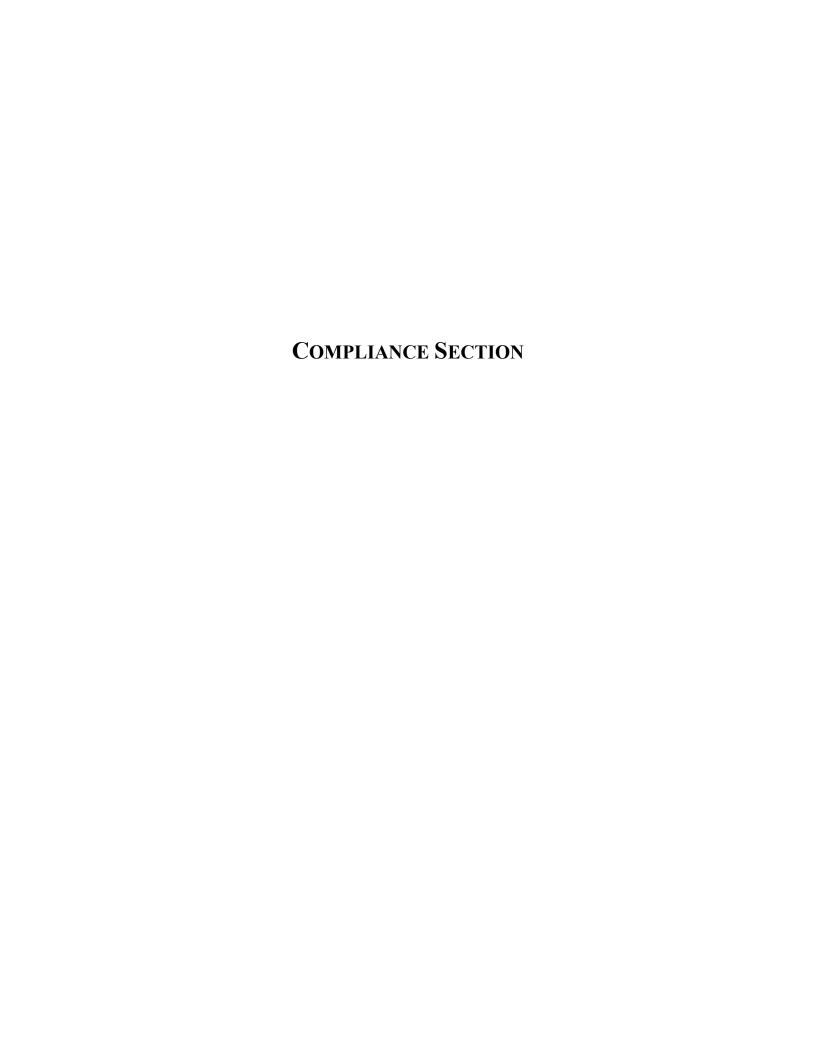
#### **NOTE 6 - CONTINGENCIES**

Various lawsuits and claims arising in the ordinary course of operations are pending against the Property Appraiser. These primarily relate to property assessments within the County. The ultimate effect of such litigation cannot be ascertained at this time. In the opinion of the Property Appraiser's management, the liabilities that may arise from such action would not result in losses that would materially affect the financial position of the Property Appraiser or its changes in financial position.

On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared a new coronavirus disease ("COVID-19") a pandemic. COVID-19 has had a severe impact on the Property Appraiser's operations and the economy in general. The extent of the impact of COVID-19 on the Property Appraiser's operations and financial results will depend on future developments that are highly uncertain and cannot be predicted, including the duration and scope of the pandemic, its severity, economic conditions during and after the pandemic, governmental actions that have or may be taken in response to the pandemic, changes in demand for the Property Appraiser's services in response to the pandemic, and how quickly and to what extent more predictable economic and operating conditions can resume.

#### NOTE 7 - OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

All eligible employees of the Property Appraiser participate in the County's plan. For a detailed plan description and any liability for employees of the Property Appraiser, see the County's CAFR for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2020.





# 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 Honorable David Johnson Property Appraiser of Seminole County, Florida

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the Seminole County, Florida Property Appraiser (the "Property Appraiser") as of and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Property Appraiser's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated January 7, 2021.

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

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Property Appraiser's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Property Appraiser's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Property Appraiser'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 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 over financial reporting 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.

To the Honorable David Johnson Property Appraiser of Seminole County, Florida

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

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Property Appraiser's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Pursuant to provisions of Chapter 10.550, *Rules of the Auditor General*, we reported certain matters to management of the Property Appraiser in a separate management letter and Independent Accountant's Report dated January 7, 2021.

### **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.

MSL, P.A.

Certified Public Accountants



#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT LETTER

To the Honorable David Johnson Property Appraiser of Seminole County, Florida

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

We have audited the basic financial statements of the Seminole County, Florida Property Appraiser (the "Property Appraiser") as of and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2020, and have issued our report thereon dated January 7, 2021.

#### **Auditor's Responsibility**

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 and Chapter 10.550, *Rules of the Auditor General*.

#### **Other Reporting Requirements**

We have issued our 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 and Independent Accountant's Report on an examination conducted in accordance with AICPA Professional Standards, AT-C Section 315, regarding compliance requirements in accordance with Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General. Disclosures in those reports, which are dated January 7, 2021, should be considered in conjunction with this management letter.

#### **Prior Audit Findings**

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

#### Official Title and Legal Authority

Section 10.554(1)(i)4., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that the name or official title and legal authority for the primary government and each component unit of the reporting entity be disclosed in this management letter, unless disclosed in the notes to the financial statements. The legal authority is disclosed in the notes to the financial statements.

#### **Financial Management**

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

To the Honorable David Johnson Property Appraiser of Seminole County, Florida

#### **Additional Matters**

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

#### **Purpose of this Letter**

Our management letter is intended solely for the information and use of the Legislative Auditing Committee, members of the Florida Senate and the Florida House of Representatives, the Florida Auditor General, Federal and other granting agencies, the Property Appraiser, and applicable management, and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

MSL, P.A.

Certified Public Accountants



#### INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

To the Honorable David Johnson Property Appraiser of Seminole County, Florida

We have examined the Seminole County, Florida Property Appraiser's (the "Property Appraiser") compliance with the requirements of Section 218.415, Florida Statutes, during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2020. Management is responsible for the Property Appraiser's compliance with those requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Property Appraiser's compliance based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Those standards require that we plan and perform the examination to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Property Appraiser is in accordance with those requirements, in all material respects. An examination involves performing procedures to obtain evidence about the Property Appraiser's compliance with those requirements. The nature, timing, and extent of the procedures selected depend on our judgment, including an assessment of the risks of noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error. We believe that the evidence we obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our examination does not provide a legal determination on the Property Appraiser's compliance with specified requirements.

In our opinion, the Property Appraiser complied, in all material respects, with the aforementioned requirements for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2020.

MSL, P.A.

Certified Public Accountants