

***LANCASTER COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY
JOINT PUBLIC AGENCY
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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of the Joint Public Agency
Lancaster County Correctional Facility Joint Public Agency

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and the governmental fund of The Lancaster County Correctional Facility Joint Public Agency (JPA), a component unit of Lancaster County, Nebraska, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the JPA'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 and the governmental fund of the JPA as of June 30, 2017, and the respective changes in financial position 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 management's discussion and analysis and the required supplementary information listed on the table of contents 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.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 5, 2017 on our consideration of the JPA'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 JPA's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Allen, Gibbs & Houlik, L.L.C.
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

December 5, 2017
Wichita, KS

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

This section of the Lancaster County Correctional Facility Joint Public Agency's (JPA) financial report presents a narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the JPA for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017. Please read it in conjunction with the JPA's financial statements which follow this section.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

As of June 30, 2017, the JPA's total assets exceeded its total liabilities by \$18,301,812. Bonds payable has been decreasing each year as scheduled payments are made, reducing debt.

In the statement of activities, the JPA's total revenues exceeded its total expenses by \$880,391 due to a decrease in facility equipment and furnishing purchases.

In the statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance, the JPA's total expenditures exceeded its total revenues by \$216,910 due to final expenditures for facility equipment and furnishings. Revenues are primarily related to tax levies which are set to match annual debt service payments only.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the JPA's basic financial statements. The JPA's basic financial statements have three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains information in addition to the basic financial statements.

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities provide a broad overview of the JPA's overall financial status. The Statement of Net Position presents financial information on all the JPA's assets and liabilities, with the difference reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in an entity's net position could be one indicator of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating.

The Statement of Activities presents information showing how the JPA's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of the related cash flows.

The sole purpose of the JPA is to finance the construction of the correctional facility. Once construction is completed, the Statement of Net Position should be limited to property tax receipts pending and the correctional facility depreciating cost, less bonds outstanding. The Statement of Activities should be limited to tax revenues sufficient to make annual bond payments and bond-related expenses.

These financial statements are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting and include capital assets, accounts receivable and payable, and long-term debt activity which should be considered to assess the financial health of the JPA.

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements, the Balance Sheet - Governmental Fund and the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance - Governmental Fund, focus on how activities were financed in the short term, as well as what remains for future spending. Such information may be useful in assessing a government's near-term financing requirements. Capital assets and long-term liabilities are not reported in the governmental fund statements as they are not current resources and uses of funds, nor are deferred property tax revenues.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for *governmental funds* with similar information presented for *governmental* activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between *governmental funds* and *governmental activities*.

Notes to the Financial Statements

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of the government-wide and fund financial statements, and provide essential information necessary to acquire a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

Required Supplementary Information

This Management Discussion and Analysis and the Budgetary Comparison Schedules represent financial information which provides users of this report with additional data that supplements the government-wide statements, fund financial statements, and notes.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

Changes in Net Position

The following table represents the Statement of Net Position and how it compares to the prior year. The decrease to net position of \$880,391 is due to the reduction of debt-related liabilities as bond payments are made, reducing bonds payable.

	<u>June 30, 2017</u>	<u>June 30, 2016</u>	<u>Change</u>
Assets			
Current and other assets	\$ 4,329,265	\$ 4,550,634	\$ (221,369)
Capital assets	58,651,220	60,417,701	(1,766,481)
Total assets	<u>62,980,485</u>	<u>64,968,335</u>	<u>(1,987,850)</u>
Liabilities			
Long-term liabilities	44,513,556	47,374,900	(2,861,344)
Other liabilities	165,117	172,014	(6,897)
Total liabilities	<u>44,678,673</u>	<u>47,546,914</u>	<u>(2,868,241)</u>
Net position			
Net investment in capital assets	14,137,664	13,042,801	1,094,863
Restricted	4,164,148	4,378,620	(214,472)
Total net position	<u>\$ 18,301,812</u>	<u>\$ 17,421,421</u>	<u>\$ 880,391</u>

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The following table represents the Statement of Activities and how it compares to the prior year. Expenses showed a decrease of \$1,226,615 because of a \$1,139,424 payment made to the PBC in the prior year for the construction costs of the Sally Port.

	<u>June 30, 2017</u>	<u>June 30, 2016</u>	<u>Change</u>
Revenues			
Taxes	\$ 4,469,820	\$ 4,448,390	\$ 21,430
State revenues	356,049	356,111	(62)
Interest income	7,467	9,820	(2,353)
Other intergovernmental	1,559	1,557	2
Total revenues	<u>4,834,895</u>	<u>4,815,878</u>	<u>19,017</u>
Expenses			
JPA services	1,960,814	3,104,282	(1,143,468)
Interest on long-term debt	1,993,690	2,076,837	(83,147)
Total expenses	<u>3,954,504</u>	<u>5,181,119</u>	<u>(1,226,615)</u>
Change in net position	880,391	(365,241)	1,245,632
Net position - beginning of year	17,421,421	17,786,662	(364,241)
Net position - end of year	<u>\$ 18,301,812</u>	<u>\$ 17,421,421</u>	<u>\$ 880,391</u>

GOVERNMENTAL FUND FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

General Fund

The focus of the JPA's general fund is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of spendable resources. The net change in fund balance went from (\$1,300,190) in fiscal year 2016 to (\$216,910) in fiscal year 2017. The difference was due to the prior year \$1,139,424 expense for the construction costs of the Sally Port.

BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

In the table below, budgeted revenues and expenditures are compared with actual figures for the current fiscal year.

	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual Amounts</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Total Revenues	\$ 4,816,284	\$ 4,857,008	\$ 40,724
Total Expenditures	\$ 5,057,157	\$ 5,056,264	\$ 893

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

At the end of 2017, the JPA reported \$58,651,220 invested in capital assets.

At the end of the fiscal year, the JPA had total bonded debt outstanding of \$43,875,000. During the current year, the JPA made principal payments on outstanding bonds totaling \$2,805,000. The JPA's future debt requirements are detailed in Note 5 following the financial statements. The bonds will be paid off no later than fiscal year 2029.

CONTACTING THE JPA'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the JPA's finances, comply with finance-related laws and regulations, and demonstrate the JPA's commitment to public accountability. If you have any questions about this report or would like to request additional information, contact the Lancaster County Budget & Fiscal Officer, 555 South 10th Street, Suite 110, Lincoln, NE 68508.

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STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

June 30, 2017

	Governmental Activities
Assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,402,448
Due from other governmental agencies	26,058
Taxes receivable	1,900,759
Capital assets:	
Other assets, net of depreciation	58,651,220
Total assets	\$ 62,980,485
Liabilities	
Accrued interest payable	\$ 165,117
Non-current liabilities:	
Due within one year	2,890,000
Due in more than one year	41,623,556
Total liabilities	44,678,673
Net Position	
Net investment in capital assets	14,137,664
Restricted	4,164,148
Total net position	18,301,812
	\$ 62,980,485

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

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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Year Ended June 30, 2017

<u>Functions/Programs</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Program Revenues</u>	<u>Net (Expense) Revenue and Change in Net Position</u>
Governmental Activities			
Joint public agency services	\$ 1,960,814	\$ --	\$ (1,960,814)
Interest on long-term debt	1,993,690	--	(1,993,690)
Total	<u>\$ 3,954,504</u>	<u>\$ --</u>	<u>(3,954,504)</u>
General revenues			
Property taxes			4,469,820
State revenues			356,049
Interest income			7,467
Other intergovernmental			1,559
Total general revenues			<u>4,834,895</u>
Change in net position			880,391
Net position - beginning of year			<u>17,421,421</u>
Net position - end of year			<u>\$ 18,301,812</u>

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BALANCE SHEET-GOVERNMENTAL FUND

June 30, 2017

Assets

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,402,448
Due from other governmental agencies	26,058
Taxes receivable	<u>1,900,759</u>
	<u><u>\$ 4,329,265</u></u>

Deferred inflows of resources

Deferred property tax receivable	<u>105,859</u>
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Fund balance

Restricted	<u>4,223,406</u>
	<u><u>\$ 4,329,265</u></u>

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RECONCILIATION OF THE BALANCE SHEET FOR THE
GOVERNMENTAL FUND TO THE STATEMENT
OF NET POSITION

June 30, 2017

Total fund balance - governmental funds	\$ 4,223,406
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, therefore, not reported in the governmental fund	58,651,220
Property tax revenues, not collected within 60 days of the fiscal year end, are not financial resources and, therefore, not reported in the governmental fund	105,859
Liabilities that are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental fund:	
Bonds payable	(43,875,000)
Bond premium	(638,556)
Accrued interest payable	<u>(165,117)</u>
Total net position - governmental activities	<u><u>\$ 18,301,812</u></u>

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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE-
GOVERNMENTAL FUND

Year Ended June 30, 2017

Revenues

Taxes	\$ 4,474,279
State revenues	356,049
Interest income	7,467
Other intergovernmental	1,559
Total revenues	<u>4,839,354</u>

Expenditures

Contractual expense	43
Building maintenance and repairs	36,434
Capital outlays	157,857
Debt service	
Principal	2,805,000
Interest	2,056,930
Total expenditures	<u>5,056,264</u>

Net change in fund balance (216,910)

Fund balance - beginning of year 4,440,316

Fund balance - end of year \$ 4,223,406

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RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE OF THE GOVERNMENTAL
FUND TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Year Ended June 30, 2017

Net change in fund balance - governmental funds \$ (216,910)

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:

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. This is the amount by which assets capitalized exceeded depreciation in the current period.

Depreciation expense	(1,889,924)	
Capital assets capitalized	<u>123,443</u>	(1,766,481)

Governmental funds recognize property tax revenues as revenues when received within 60 days of the end of the fiscal year. However, in the statement of activities, property tax revenues are recognized based on the total taxes levied. This is the amount of property tax revenues due to the JPA, but not collected within 60 days of the fiscal year. (4,459)

Repayment of bond principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net position. 2,805,000

Governmental funds report the effect on premiums and discounts when debt is first issued, whereas these amounts are deferred and amortized in the statement of activities. 56,344

Certain items reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in the governmental fund. These activities consist of:

Accrued interest expense		<u>6,897</u>
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Change in net position - governmental activities **\$ 880,391**

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

This summary of significant accounting policies of the Lancaster County Correctional Facility Joint Public Agency (JPA) is presented to assist in understanding the JPA's financial statements. The financial statements and notes are representations of the JPA's management who are responsible for their integrity and objectivity. These accounting policies conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and have been consistently applied in the preparation of the financial statements.

Nature of Operations - The JPA was created pursuant to the Joint Public Agency Act and a Joint Public Agency Agreement dated September 9, 2008 between Lancaster County and the City of Lincoln. The JPA was created for the purpose of financing the construction, equipping, and furnishing of new correctional facilities on land owned by Lancaster County and leased to the JPA pursuant to a Site Lease dated February 5, 2009 between the JPA and Lancaster County. The JPA will own the correctional facilities until the bonds are no longer outstanding, at which time the JPA will transfer ownership to Lancaster County. Lancaster County will operate and maintain the correctional facilities pursuant to a Facilities Agreement dated February 5, 2009 between Lancaster County and the JPA.

The JPA is governed by a four-member board consisting of the Chair and Vice Chair of the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners, the Mayor of Lincoln, and the Chair of the Lincoln City Council. All actions may be taken by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Board, except that the issuance of bonds by the JPA must be approved by the Mayor, the Lincoln City Council, and the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners.

Under the JPA Agreement, Lancaster County has irrevocably allocated and assigned to the JPA, for the period beginning September 15, 2008 and ending on the date upon which all of the bonds are no longer deemed to be outstanding, its authority to cause the levy of taxes within the taxing district of Lancaster County. This authority, beginning in the year 2008 for collection in 2009, is for the purpose of paying the costs of the correctional facilities an amount equal to \$2,000,000 to be levied solely for the purpose of paying the principal and interest on the bonds.

Under the JPA Agreement, the City of Lincoln has irrevocably allocated and assigned to the JPA, for the period beginning September 15, 2008 and ending on the date upon which all of the bonds are no longer deemed to be outstanding, its authority to cause the levy of taxes within the taxing district of the City. This authority, not to exceed \$3,500,000 annually, beginning in the year 2008 for collection in 2009, is for the purpose of paying the costs of the correctional facilities in an amount, when added to the County Levy, will be sufficient to pay the principal and interest on the bonds.

Reporting Entity - Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America provide guidance for determining the entities and activities that should be included within the financial reporting entity. The basic criterion for including a governmental organization in a primary government's reporting entity focuses on the financial accountability of the organization's governing body. Although legally separate

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1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

from Lancaster County, Nebraska, the JPA is reported as a component unit of Lancaster County because its sole purpose is to finance the construction and equipping of new correctional facilities for the benefit of the County. As noted above, the County operates and maintains the facilities, and will receive title to the facilities upon repayment of 100% of bonds issued to finance construction. As a result, the JPA's financial results are included in the financial statements of Lancaster County.

Basis of Presentation - The government-wide financial statements (the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities) report information on all of the activities of the JPA. The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment is offset by program revenues. *Direct expenses* are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment.

Program revenues include (1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment, and (2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as *general revenues*.

Measurement Focus / Basis of Accounting - The government-wide financial statements are reported using the *economic resources* measurement focus and the *accrual basis of accounting*. 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 *current financial resources* measurement focus and the *modified accrual basis of accounting*. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the government 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 and claims and judgments are recorded only when payment is due. General capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Issuance of long-term debt is reported as another financing source.

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, except to the extent amounts are not collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Entitlements are recorded as revenues when all eligibility requirements are met, including any time requirements, and the amount is received during the period or within the availability period for this revenue source (within 60 days of year end). All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the government.

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1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Cash and Cash Equivalents - For financial statement purposes, all highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less are considered cash equivalents.

Investments - In accordance with GASB Statement No. 31, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Certain Investments and for External Investment Pools*, investments are recorded at fair value. The JPA's investment policy allows investment in U.S. government obligations and short-term interest bearing investments consisting of certificates of deposit and other income producing securities.

Property Taxes - Based on the valuation as of January 1, property taxes are levied by the County Board of Commissioners on or before October 15 of each year for all political subdivisions in Lancaster County. Real estate and personal property taxes are each due December 31 of the year in which the property is appraised. One-half of the taxes become delinquent April 1 and August 1 of the following year.

The JPA has two property tax levies. One is levied on the assessed value of Lancaster County and the other is levied on the assessed value of the City of Lincoln. For the year ended June 30, 2017, the levy for the County portion was \$.008547 per \$100 of valuation and the levy for the City portion was \$.015297 per \$100 of valuation for a combined levy of \$.023844.

Taxes Receivable - Taxes receivable are all considered collectible by management. Based on prior experience with receipt of taxes, no allowance for uncollectible amounts has been provided related to taxes receivable. Tax amounts not received within 60 days after year-end are recorded as a deferred inflow of resources on the balance sheet.

Capital Assets and Depreciation - The JPA issued bonds to finance the construction of the new correctional facility which was completed in the fall of 2013, at which time depreciation commenced. A warehouse facility was completed in the fall of 2014, at which time depreciation commenced. The building and warehouse are included as capital assets on the statement of net position because the JPA owns the facilities until the bonds are no longer outstanding.

In the government-wide financial statements (statement of net position and statement of activities), expenditures for buildings are capitalized at cost and accounted for as capital assets. All capital assets are valued at historical cost or estimated historical cost. Additions, improvements, and other capital outlays that significantly extend the useful life of an asset are capitalized. Other costs incurred for repairs and maintenance are expensed as incurred.

Deferred Outflows and 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, *deferred outflows of resources*, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will *not* be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. The JPA does not have any items that qualify for reporting in this category.

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1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. The separate financial statement element, *deferred inflows of resources*, 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 only 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 revenue*, is reported only in the governmental funds balance sheet. The governmental funds report unavailable revenues from property taxes. This amount is deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the period that the amount becomes available.

Long-term Obligations - In the government-wide financial statements long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities statement of net position. Bond premiums and discounts are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the effective interest method. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premium or discount.

In the fund financial statements, bond premiums and discounts are recognized during the current period. The face amount of debt issued is reported as other financing sources while discounts on debt issuances are reported as other financing uses. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual debt proceeds received, are reported as debt service expenditures.

Net Position - In the government-wide financial statements, net position represents the difference between total assets and total liabilities.

Net investment in capital assets - Consists of capital assets less accumulated depreciation and the net of outstanding balances of any debt used to finance those assets, such as capital leases and bonds.

Restricted net position - Consists of net position with constraints placed on their use by (1) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (2) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Fund Balance - As prescribed by GASB Statement No. 54, *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions*, fund balance classifications are based primarily on the extent to which the JPA is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which amounts in the funds can be spent. Fund balances are classified as follows:

Nonspendable - Assets legally or contractually required to be maintained or are not in spendable form, such as fund balance associated with inventories, prepaids, long-term loans and notes receivable, and property held for resale (unless the proceeds are restricted, committed, or assigned).

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1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Restricted - Assets with externally imposed constraints, such as those mandated by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws and regulations.

Committed - Amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes determined by a formal action of the Board of the JPA (the JPA's highest level of decision-making authority).

Assigned - Amounts intended to be used by the government for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed. The JPA's policy authorizes the Lancaster County Budget and Fiscal Officer to assign funds for specific purposes.

Unassigned - The residual classification for the government's general fund and includes all spendable amounts not contained in the other classifications.

Sometimes the government will fund outlays for a particular purpose from both restricted and unrestricted resources (the total of committed, assigned, and unassigned fund balance). In order to calculate the amounts to report as restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned fund balance in the governmental fund financial statements, a flow assumption must be made about the order in which the resources are considered to be applied. The JPA considers restricted fund balance to have been depleted before using any of the components of unrestricted fund balance. Further, when the components of unrestricted fund balance can be used for the same purpose, committed fund balance is depleted first, followed by assigned fund balance. Unassigned fund balance is applied last.

Budgets and Budgetary Accounting - The JPA follows the procedures described below in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the JPA's financial statements in accordance with the statutory requirements of the Nebraska Budget Act.

On or before August 1, the JPA Board prepares and transmits a budget for the JPA to the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners showing the projected requirements, operating reserve, cash on hand at the close of the preceding fiscal year, projected revenues collected from sources other than property tax, and amount to be raised by property taxation. The budget is prepared on the cash receipts and disbursements basis of accounting. Encumbrances are also reflected as expenditures for budgetary purposes. At least one public hearing must be held by the JPA Board.

On or before September 20 each year, the budget is adopted by the JPA Board and filed with the Lancaster County Clerk and the State Auditor's Office.

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1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Use of Estimates - Management uses estimates and assumptions in preparing these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Those estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities, and the reported revenues and expenses. Actual results could vary from the estimates employed.

2. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Deposits - At June 30, 2017, the reported amount of the JPA's cash and cash equivalents held by the County Treasurer amounted to \$2,402,448. Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, a government's deposits may not be returned to it. The JPA's deposit policy for custodial credit risk requires compliance with the provisions of state law. As of June 30, 2017, JPA's deposits were not exposed to custodial credit risk since all were either covered by federal depository insurance or the collateral was held by the JPA's agent in JPA's name.

Cash and cash equivalents consisted of the following as of June 30, 2017:

Series 2009 - County Corrections	\$ 1,010,855
Series 2009 - City Corrections	<u>1,391,593</u>
	<u>\$ 2,402,448</u>

3. DUE FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES

Due from other governmental agencies consisted of amounts due from the State of Nebraska of \$26,058 as of June 30, 2017.

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4. CAPITAL ASSETS

The changes in capital assets designated for the operation of the JPA for the year ended June 30, 2017 are as follows:

	Balance June 30, 2016	Additions	Deletions	Balance June 30, 2017
Depreciable capital assets:				
Buildings	\$ 61,352,030	\$ --	\$ --	\$ 61,352,030
Machinery and Equipment	4,179,351	123,443	--	4,302,794
Vehicles	26,141	--	--	26,141
	<u>65,557,522</u>	<u>123,443</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>65,680,965</u>
Accumulated depreciation:				
Buildings	3,348,102	1,227,040	--	4,575,142
Machinery and Equipment	1,788,996	659,616	--	2,448,612
Vehicles	2,723	3,268	--	5,991
	<u>5,139,821</u>	<u>1,889,924</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>7,029,745</u>
Depreciable capital assets	<u>60,417,701</u>	<u>(1,766,481)</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>58,651,220</u>
Total capital assets	<u>\$ 60,417,701</u>	<u>\$ (1,766,481)</u>	<u>\$ --</u>	<u>\$ 58,651,220</u>

Construction Commitments

There are no remaining construction commitment costs to the jail facility projects.

5. LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

The JPA's long-term liabilities as of June 30, 2017 consisted of the following:

	Beginning Balance	Increase	Decrease	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year
GO Bonds	\$ 46,680,000	\$ --	\$ 2,805,000	\$ 43,875,000	\$ 2,890,000
Premiums	694,900	--	56,344	638,556	--
Total long-term liabilities	<u>\$ 47,374,900</u>	<u>\$ --</u>	<u>\$ 2,861,344</u>	<u>\$ 44,513,556</u>	<u>\$ 2,890,000</u>

\$64,390,000 Limited Tax General Obligation Bonds, Series 2009, were issued on February 12, 2009, with interest payable in scheduled semiannual installments due annually on June 1 and December 1, and with principal amounts payable annually on December 1, ranging from \$2,390,000 to \$4,670,000, commencing June 1, 2009, with interest rates ranging from 1.00% to 5.00%, final payment due December 1, 2028.

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5. LONG-TERM LIABILITIES (CONTINUED)

The maturities of long-term debt for the years ending after June 30, 2017 are as follows:

Year Ending June 30,	Principal	Interest	Total
2018	\$ 2,890,000	\$ 1,971,505	\$ 4,861,505
2019	2,980,000	1,868,555	4,848,555
2020	3,095,000	1,754,793	4,849,793
2021	3,205,000	1,642,940	4,847,940
2022	3,320,000	1,502,250	4,822,250
2023-2027	19,265,000	4,782,375	24,047,375
2028-2029	9,120,000	461,500	9,581,500
Total	<u>\$ 43,875,000</u>	<u>\$ 13,983,918</u>	<u>\$ 57,858,918</u>
Less current portion	<u>(2,890,000)</u>		
	<u>\$ 40,985,000</u>		

6. RISK MANAGEMENT

The JPA is included in the insurance coverage of Lancaster County. The JPA is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, or destruction of assets, errors or omissions, and natural disasters. These risks of loss are covered by various commercial insurance policies (with various deductibles), with the exception of general liability. The self-insured retention is \$250,000 per occurrence for general liability coverage.

The self-insurance programs are administered by the County's Risk Manager. Commercial insurance covers the excess of the self-insured amount to the maximum of \$2,000,000 for employers' liability and \$5,000,000 for general liability.

The County utilizes the services of an actuary to prepare an analysis of the self-insured general liability risks. The analysis is used to assist the County with its financial planning, budgeting, and management of the self-insurance programs. Settled claims have not exceeded commercial coverage for the last three years.

The JPA has not developed an estimated liability for pending and incurred but not reported claims at June 30, 2017, due to claims being paid by the Other Self-Insurance funds at the County level. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that an estimated liability be developed for pending and incurred but not reported claims; however, there were no such claims pending at year-end.

7. GASB 77 TAX ABATEMENTS

In fiscal year 2017, the JPA implemented GASB Statement No. 77, *Tax Abatement Disclosures*, which enhances comparability of financial statements among governments by establishing disclosures about the nature and magnitude of tax abatements enabling users to understand 1) how tax abatements affect a government's future ability to raise

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7. GASB 77 TAX ABATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

resources and meet its financial obligations and 2) the impact those abatements have on a government's financial position and economic condition.

Implementation of this standard required the JPA to evaluate its agreements, determine which situations meet the definition of tax abatement, gather the appropriate information and add disclosures in its financial statements related to tax abatements.

GASB 77 defines a tax abatement as a reduction in tax revenues that results 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 a specific action after the agreement has been entered into that contributes to economic development or otherwise benefits the governments or citizens of those governments.

In fiscal year, the JPA property tax revenues were reduced by \$95,068 due to agreements entered into by the City of Lincoln relating to tax incremental financing of areas considered blighted.

In fiscal year 2017, the JPA property tax revenues were reduced by \$1,874 due to agreements entered into by the Cities of Waverly and Hickman relating to tax incremental financing areas considered blighted.

The JPA disclosed all known tax abatements.

8. PENDING GOVERNMENTAL ACCOUNTING STANDARDS

GASB Statement No. 83, *Certain Asset Retirement Obligations*, establishes criteria for determining the timing and pattern of recognition of a liability and a corresponding deferred outflow of resources for asset retirement obligations. This standard applies to a government that has legal obligations to perform future asset retirement activities related to its tangible capital assets. For governments impacted by other governments' tax abatements, the following must be disclosed: (1) the nature of a government's asset retirement obligations, (2) the methods and assumptions used for the estimates for the liabilities, and (3) the estimated remaining useful life of the associated tangible capital assets. The provisions of this statement are effective for financial statements for the JPA's fiscal year ending June 30, 2019.

Statement No. 85, *Omnibus 2017*, addresses practice issues that have been identified during implementation and application of certain GASB statements. This statement addresses a variety of topics including issues related to blending component units, goodwill, fair value measurement and application, and postemployment benefits (pensions and other postemployment benefits). The provisions of this statement are effective for financial statements for the JPA's fiscal year ending June 30, 2018.

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9. Subsequent Events

Subsequent to year end the JPA board approved a resolution to advance refund the Series 2009, Limited Tax General Obligation Bonds outstanding of \$40,985,000 at a savings of approximately \$4.5 million on interest.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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**SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCE-BUDGET TO ACTUAL (BUDGETARY BASIS)**

Year Ended June 30, 2017

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Revenues				
Taxes	\$ 4,790,784	\$ 4,790,784	\$ 4,496,891	\$ (293,893)
State revenue	16,100	16,100	351,091	334,991
Interest income	8,000	8,000	7,467	(533)
Other intergovernmental	1,400	1,400	1,559	159
Total revenues	<u>4,816,284</u>	<u>4,816,284</u>	<u>4,857,008</u>	<u>40,724</u>
Expenditures				
Supplies, minor equipment	-	-	-	-
Other contracted services	-	-	43	(43)
Repairs and maintenance	-	-	36,434	(36,434)
Capital outlay	195,227	195,227	157,857	37,370
Debt service:				
Principal	2,805,000	2,805,000	2,805,000	-
Interest	2,056,930	2,056,930	2,056,930	-
Total expenditures	<u>5,057,157</u>	<u>5,057,157</u>	<u>5,056,264</u>	<u>893</u>
Deficiency of revenues over expenditures (budgetary basis)	<u>\$ (240,873)</u>	<u>\$ (240,873)</u>	(199,256)	<u>\$ 41,617</u>
Adjustments required under accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America:				
To adjust receipts for accruals (net)			<u>(17,654)</u>	
Deficiency of revenues (modified accrual basis) over expenditures			<u>\$ (216,910)</u>	

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NOTE TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**NOTE A - STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGE IN FUND
BALANCE - BUDGET TO ACTUAL (BUDGETARY BASIS)**

Basis of Accounting

The accompanying Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget to Actual is presented on the modified cash basis of accounting, which includes cash receipts and disbursements, modified for encumbrances. Encumbrances are also reflected as expenditures for budgetary purposes.

Budget Law

The JPA is required by state law to hold public hearings and adopt annual budgets for all funds on the budgetary basis of accounting. Total expenditures for each fund may not exceed the total budgeted expenditures. Any revisions to the adopted budget of total expenditures to any fund require a public hearing.

**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**

Board of the Joint Public Agency
Lancaster County Correctional Facility Joint Public Agency

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 and the governmental fund of the Lancaster County Correctional Facility Joint Public Agency (JPA), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the JPA's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 5, 2017.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the JPA'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 JPA's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the JPA'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 JPA'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 Standard*.

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.

Allen, Gibbs & Houlik, L.C.
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

December 5, 2017
Wichita, KS

Board of the Joint Public Agency
**Lancaster County Correctional Facility
Joint Public Agency**

We are pleased to present this report related to our audit of the basic financial statements of Lancaster County Correctional Facility Joint Public Agency (JPA) for the year ended June 30, 2017. This report summarizes certain matters required by professional standards to be communicated to you in your oversight responsibility for JPA's financial reporting process.

Generally accepted auditing standards require the auditor to promote effective two-way communication between the auditor and those charged with governance. Consistent with this requirement, the following summarizes our responsibilities regarding the financial statement audit as well as observations arising from our audit that are significant and relevant to your responsibility to oversee the financial reporting process.

Required Communications

Our Responsibilities With Regard to the Financial Statement Audit

Our responsibilities under auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States have been described to you in our arrangement letter dated June 19, 2017. Our audit of the financial statements does not relieve management or those charged with governance of their responsibilities which are also described in that letter.

Overview of the Planned Scope and Timing of the Financial Statement Audit

We have issued a separate communication regarding the planned scope and timing of our audit and have discussed with you our identification of and planned audit response to significant risks of material misstatement.

Accounting Policies and Practices

Accounting Policies - Management has the ultimate responsibility for the appropriateness of the accounting policies used by JPA. The JPA's significant accounting policies are discussed in Note 1 to the financial statements. The JPA adopted one new accounting policy, GASB 77, *Tax Abatement Disclosures*, which increases the disclosure requirements for tax abatements affecting the government entity and its ability to raise resources in the future. This standard applies to a reporting government's own tax abatement agreements or agreements entered into by other governments and that reduce the reporting government's tax revenues. There have not been any changes in existing significant accounting policies during the current period.

Significant or Unusual Transactions - We did not identify any significant or unusual transactions or significant accounting policies in controversial or emerging areas for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus.

Management's Judgments and Accounting Estimates - Accounting estimates are an integral part of the preparation of financial statements and are based upon management's current judgment. The process used by management encompasses their knowledge and experience about past and current events and certain assumptions about future events. Management may wish to monitor throughout the year the process used to compute and record these accounting estimates. We noted no significant accounting estimates within the financial statements.

Audit Adjustments

There were no adjustments made to the original trial balance presented to us to begin the audit. All adjustments necessary to prepare the year-end financial statements were provided by management.

Uncorrected Misstatements

We are not aware of any uncorrected misstatements other than misstatements that are clearly trivial.

Management Representations

In connection with our audit procedures, we have obtained a written management representation letter. This representation letter constitutes written acknowledgments by management that it has the primary responsibility for the fair presentation of the financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. The representation letter also includes the more significant oral representations made by officers and employees during the course of the audit and includes specific representations, is intended to reduce the possibility of misunderstandings between us and JPA and reminds the signing officers to consider seriously whether all material liabilities, commitments and contingencies or other important financial information have been brought to our attention.

Other Disclosures

- We encountered no disagreements with management over the application of significant accounting principles, the basis for management's judgments on any significant matters, the scope of the audit or significant disclosures to be included in the financial statements.
- We are not aware of any consultations management had with other accountants about accounting or auditing matters.
- No significant issues arising from the audit were discussed or were the subject of correspondence with management.
- We did not encounter any difficulties in dealing with management during the audit.

Closing

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the JPA Board and management and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

It will be our pleasure to respond to any questions you have regarding this report. We appreciate the opportunity to be of service to the Lancaster County Correctional Facility Joint Public Agency.

Allen, Gibbs & Houlik, L.C.
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

December 5, 2017
Wichita, KS