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Southwest Multi-County Correctional Center Dickinson, North Dakota

Audit Report

For the Years Ended December 31, 2014 and 2013

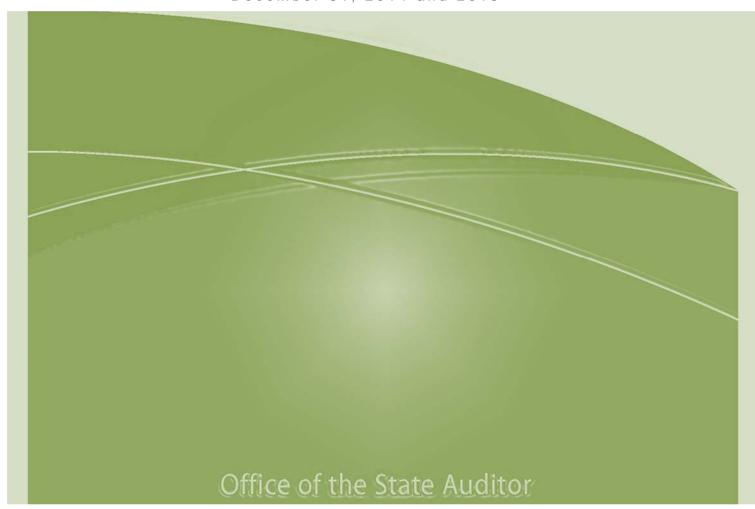


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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Governing Board Southwest Multi-County Correctional Center Dickinson, North Dakota

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, and the major fund of the Southwest Multi-County Correctional Center, Dickinson, North Dakota, as of and for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Correctional Center'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 major fund of the Southwest Multi-County Correctional Center, Dickinson, North Dakota, as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, and the respective changes in financial position for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

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

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the *budgetary comparison information* on pages 27 and 28 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 January 7, 2016 on our consideration of the Southwest Multi-County Correctional Center'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 Southwest Multi-County Correctional Center's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Robert R. Peterson State Auditor

Fargo, North Dakota January 7, 2016

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION December 31, 2014

	Go	overnmental	
	Activities		
ASSETS:			
Cash and Investments	\$	2,015,031	
Accounts Receivable		767,552	
Other Asset		42,111	
Capital Assets (not being depreciated):			
Land		5,750	
Capital Assets (net of accumulated depreciation):			
Buildings		2,226,547	
Vehicles		73,414	
Building Improvements		1,720,605	
Equipment		49,540	
Total Capital Assets	\$	4,075,856	
Total Assets	\$	6,900,550	
<u>LIABILITIES:</u>			
Accounts Payable	\$	138,626	
Sales Tax Payable		136	
State Tax Payable		11,041	
Salaries Payable		121,573	
Long-Term Liabilities:			
Due Within One Year:			
Loans Payable		45,000	
Compensated Absences		89,716	
Due After One Year:			
Compensated Absences		134,574	
Total Liabilities	\$	540,666	
NET DOSITION:			
NET POSITION: Net Investment in Capital Assets	\$	4,030,856	
Unrestricted	φ		
Officeriolea		2,329,028	
Total Net Position	\$	6,359,884	

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues Operating Charges for Grants and Services Contributions		Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position
Functions/Programs Governmental Activities:	Lxperises	Services	Continuations	Net Fosition
Public Safety	\$ 7,943,925	\$ 7,180,568	\$ 48,988	\$ (714,369)
Total Governmental Activities	\$ 7,943,925	\$ 7,180,568	\$ 48,988	\$ (714,369)
	General Reven Interest Income Miscellaneous			\$ 5,279 580,800
	Total General F	Revenues		\$ 586,079
	Change in Net	Position		\$ (128,290)
	Net Position - J	anuary 1		\$ 6,488,174
	Net Position - D	ecember 31		\$ 6,359,884

BALANCE SHEET GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS December 31, 2014

		General
ASSETS Cash and Investments Accounts Receivable Other Asset		2,015,031 767,552 42,111
Total Assets	\$	2,824,694
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES		
Liabilities: Accounts Payable Sales Tax Payable State Tax Payable Salaries Payable	\$	138,626 136 11,041 121,573
Total Liabilities	\$	271,376
<u>Fund Balances:</u> Unassigned	\$	2,553,318
Total Fund Balances	\$	2,553,318
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$	2,824,694

RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION December 31, 2014

Total Fund Balances for Governmental Funds

\$ 2,553,318

Total *net position* reported for government activities in the statement of net position is different because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and are not reported in the governmental funds.

Cost of Capital Assets \$
Less Accumulated Depreciation
Net Capital Assets

4,075,856

5,189,355

(1,113,499)

Long-term liabilities applicable to the Center's governmental activities are not due and payable in the current period and accordingly are not reported as fund liabilities. Interest on long-term debt is not accrued in governmental funds, but rather is recognized as an expenditure when due. All liabilities-both current and long-term- are reported in the statement of net position. Balances at December 31, 2014 are:

Loans Payable \$ (45,000)
Compensated Absences (224,290)
Total Long-Term Liabilities

(269,290)

Total Net Position of Governmental Activities

\$ 6,359,884

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

For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

D	 General
Revenues: Intergovernmental Charge for Services Interest Miscellaneous	\$ 48,988 7,180,568 5,279 580,800
Total Revenues	\$ 7,815,635
Expenditures: Current:	
Public Safety Debt Service:	\$ 7,828,150
Principal	 45,000
Total Expenditures	\$ 7,873,150
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	\$ (57,515)
Fund Balance - January 1	\$ 2,610,833
Fund Balance - December 31	\$ 2,553,318

RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds

\$ (57,515)

The change in net position reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities is 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 depreciation expense exceeded capital outlays in the current year.

Current Year Capital Outlay \$ 89,823 Current Year Depreciation Expense (145,005) (55,182)

The net effect of miscellaneous transactions involving capital assets is to decrease net capital assets.

(17,914)

The proceeds of debt issuances are reporting as financing sources in governmental funds and thus contribute to the change in fund balance. In the statement of net position, issuing debt increases long-term liabilities and does not affect the statement of activities. Repayment of debt 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 debt repayment exceeded debt proceeds.

Repayment of Debt - Loans Payable

45,000

Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.

Net Change in Compensated Absences

(42,679)

Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities

\$ (128,290)

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION December 31, 2013

	Go	overnmental Activities
ASSETS: Cash and Investments Accounts Receivable Other Asset Capital Assets (not being depreciated):	\$	2,197,333 667,011 28,041
Land Capital Assets (net of accumulated depreciation):		5,750
Building Improvements Buildings Vehicles Equipment Total Capital Assets	\$	1,757,941 2,281,594 87,421 16,247 4,148,953
Total Assets	\$	7,041,338
LIABILITIES: Accounts Payable Sales Tax Payable State Tax Payable Salaries Payable Long-Term Liabilities: Due Within One Year:	\$	176,709 401 10,013 94,429
Loans Payable Compensated Absences Due After One Year: Loans Payable		45,000 72,645 45,000
Compensated Absences		108,967
Total Liabilities	\$	553,164
NET POSITION: Net Investment in Capital Assets Unrestricted	\$	4,058,952 2,429,222
Total Net Position	\$	6,488,174

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES For the Year Ended December 31, 2013

			Program Revenues Operating		Net (Expense) Revenue and			
Functions/Programs	Charges for Grants ar Expenses Services Contribution		Expenses		ants and htributions		hanges in et Position	
Governmental Activities:				00.1.000	00.	11110 4110110		311 00111011
Public Safety	\$	7,707,955	\$	6,727,934	\$	51,580	\$	(928,441)
Total Governmental Activities	\$	7,707,955	\$	6,727,934	\$	51,580	\$	(928,441)
	Inte	neral Reven erest Income scellaneous I)				\$	7,139 627,689
	Tot	tal General F	Reve	nues			\$	634,828
	Ch	ange in Net	Posi	tion			\$	(293,613)
	Ne	t Position - J	anu	ary 1			\$	6,781,787
	Ne	t Position - D	ece	mber 31			\$	6,488,174

BALANCE SHEET GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS December 31, 2013

ASSETS Cash and Investments Accounts Receivable Other Asset		General
		2,197,333 667,011 28,041
Total Assets	\$	2,892,385
<u>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</u> Liabilities:		
Accounts Payable Sales Tax Payable State Tax Payable	\$	176,709 401 10,013
Salaries Payable Total Liabilities	\$	94,429 281,552
	Ψ	201,332
Fund Balances: Unassigned	\$	2,610,833
Total Fund Balances	\$	2,610,833
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$	2,892,385

RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION December 31, 2013

Total Fund Balances for Governmental Funds		\$ 2,610,833
Total <i>net position</i> reported for government activities in the statement of net position is different because:		
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and are not reported in the governmental funds.		
Cost of Capital Assets Less Accumulated Depreciation Net Capital Assets	\$ 5,139,994 (991,041)	4,148,953
Long-term liabilities applicable to the Center's governmental activities are not due and payable in the current period and accordingly are not reported as fund liabilities. Interest on long-term debt is not accrued in governmental funds, but rather is recognized as an expenditure when due. All liabilities-both current and long-term- are reported in the statement of		

Loans Payable	\$ (90,000)
Compensated Absences	(181,612)
Total Long-Term Liabilities	

(271,612)

Total Net Position of Governmental Activities \$ 6,488,174

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

net position. Balances at December 31, 2013 are:

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

For the Year Ended December 31, 2013

	 General
Revenues: Intergovernmental Charge for Services Interest Miscellaneous	\$ 51,580 6,727,934 7,139 627,689
Total Revenues	\$ 7,414,342
Expenditures: Current: Public Safety Debt Service:	\$ 7,610,178
Principal	 52,510
Total Expenditures	\$ 7,662,688
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	\$ (248,346)
Fund Balance - January 1	\$ 2,859,179
Fund Balance - December 31	\$ 2,610,833

RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES For the Year Ended December 31, 2013

Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds

\$ (248,346)

The change in net position reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities is 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 depreciation expense exceeded capital outlays in the current year.

Current Year Capital Outlay
Current Year Depreciation Expense

5 53,074

(140,107)

(87,033)

The proceeds of debt issuances are reporting as financing sources in governmental funds and thus contribute to the change in fund balance. In the statement of net position, issuing debt increases long-term liabilities and does not affect the statement of activities. Repayment of debt 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 debt repayment exceeded debt proceeds.

Repayment of Debt - Loans Payable

52,510

Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.

Net Change in Compensated Absences

(10,744)

Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities

\$ (293,613)

STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY ASSETS AND LIABILITIES FIDUCIARY FUND

December 31, 2014 and 2013

	<u>Agency</u>	Fun	Funds				
	2014	2013					
Assets: Cash and Investments Accounts Receivable Other Asset	\$ 297,460 10,763 2,020	\$	5 254,638 6,755 95				
Total Assets	\$ 310,243	\$	261,488				
<u>Liabilities:</u> Due to Inmates	\$ 310,243	\$	261,488				

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS December 31, 2014 and 2013

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the Southwest Multi-County Correctional Center, Dickinson, North Dakota, have not been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applied to government units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant of the government's accounting policies are described below.

A. Reporting Entity

The accompanying financial statements present the activities of the Southwest Multi-County Correctional Center. The enforcement center has considered all potential component units for which the enforcement center is financially accountable, and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the enforcement center are such that exclusion would cause the enforcement center's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. This criteria includes appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body and (1) the ability of the Southwest Multi-County Correctional Center to impose its will on that organization or (2) the potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to, or impose specific financial burdens on the Southwest Multi-County Correctional Center.

As required by generally accepted accounting principles, the financial statements of the reporting entity include only the Southwest Multi-County Correctional Center (the primary government), as there are no component units. The Southwest Multi-County Correctional Center is a joint venture of Billings, Bowman, Golden Valley, Dunn, Hettinger, Slope, and Stark Counties. Cities include Belfield, Killdeer, Medora, and Dickinson.

B. Basis of Presentation

Government-wide statements: The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the primary government, the Southwest Multi-County Correctional Center. These statements include the financial activities of the overall government, except for fiduciary activities. Eliminations have been made to minimize the double-counting of internal activities. Governmental activities generally are financed through charges for services for housing prisoners, intergovernmental revenue, and miscellaneous revenues.

The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function of the Correctional Center's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a program or function and, therefore, are clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include (a) fees, fines and charges paid by the recipients of goods or services offered by the programs and (b) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues, including all taxes, are presented as general revenues.

Notes to the Financial Statements - Continued

Fund Financial Statements: Separate financial statements are provided for the governmental fund. The emphasis of fund financial statements is on the major governmental fund.

The Correctional Center reports the following major governmental fund:

General Fund. This is the center's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the general government, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Additionally, the Correctional Center reports the following fund type:

Agency Fund. This fund accounts for assets held by the center in a custodial capacity as an agent on behalf of others. The center's agency fund is used to account for activity at the jail commissary.

C. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation

Government-wide and Fiduciary Fund Financial Statements. The government-wide and fiduciary fund financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus. The government-wide financial statements are reported using the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred, regardless of when the related cash flows take place. Nonexchange transactions, in which the Correctional Center gives (or receives) value without directly receiving (or giving) equal value in exchange, include grants, entitlements and donations. Revenue from grants, entitlements, and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied.

Governmental Fund Financial Statements. Governmental funds are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recognized when measurable and available. The Correctional Center considers all revenues reported in the governmental funds to be available if the revenues are collected within sixty days after year-end. Charges for services and investment income are considered susceptible to accrual. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for principal and interest on general long-term debt, claims and judgments, and compensated absences, which are recognized as expenditures to the extent they have matured. General capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Proceeds of general long-term debt and acquisitions under capital leases are reported as other financing sources.

Under the terms of grant agreements, the Center funds certain programs by a combination of specific cost-reimbursement grants and general revenues. Thus, when program expenses are incurred, there is unrestricted net position available to finance the program. It is the Correctional Center's policy to first apply cost-reimbursement grant resources to such programs, and then by general revenues.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the Correctional Center's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

D. Cash and Investments

Cash and cash equivalents include amounts in demand deposits, money market accounts and highly liquid short-term investments with original maturities of 3 months or less.

Investments of the Correctional Center consist of certificates of deposit and are stated at cost.

E. Capital Assets

Capital assets include land, buildings and equipment. Assets are reported in the governmental activities column in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the Center as assets with an initial, individual cost of \$5,000 or more, except land, which is all capitalized. Such assets are recorded at cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets lives are not capitalized. Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed. Interest incurred during the construction phase of capital assets of is not capitalized.

Capital assets are depreciated using the straight line method with the following estimated useful lives:

Buildings	50 years
Building Improvements	50 years
Vehicles	5 years
Equipment	5-20 years

F. Compensated Absences

Full-time employees are granted vacation benefits from 8 to 16 hours per month depending on tenure with the Center. Upon termination of employment, employees will be paid for vacation benefits that have been accrued to a maximum of 240 hours. Sick leave benefits accrue at the rate of 8 hours per month. Unused sick leave benefits are allowed to carry over from year to year with no cap. Upon termination of employment or retirement after 10 years of consecutive employment, sick leave benefits will be compensated at a rate of one hour for every 4 hours of unused sick leave.

G. Long-Term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long term obligations are reported as liabilities in the governmental activities statement of net position. Bond premiums, discounts and issuance costs are recognized in the current period since the amounts are not material.

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types recognize bond premiums, discounts and issuance costs in the current period. The face amount of the debt is reported as other financing sources. Premiums received on debt issuances are reported as other financing sources while discounts on debt issuances are reported as other financing uses. Issuance costs are reported as debt service expenditures.

H. Fund Balances and Net Position

Prior to GASB Statement No. 54, in the fund financial statements, the governmental funds reported reservations of fund balances for amounts that were not available for appropriation or were legally restricted by outside parties for use for a specific purpose. Designations of fund balances represented tentative management plans that were subject to change. GASB Statement No. 54 established new fund balance classifications that comprise a hierarchy based on the extent to which the government is bound to honor constraints (restrictions or limitations) imposed upon the use of the resources reported in governmental funds.

Fund Balance Spending Policy:

It is the policy of the Correctional Center to spend restricted resources first, followed by unrestricted resources.

Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions

On March 11, 2009 the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) issued GASB Statement No. 54, Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions, effective for fiscal periods that begin after June 15, 2010. This statement defines the different types of fund balances that a governmental entity must use for financial reporting purposes.

GASB 54 requires the fund balance amounts to be properly reported within one of the fund balance categories listed below.

CLASSIFICATION	DEFINITION	EXAMPLES
Non-spendable	Amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.	Inventories, prepaid amounts (expenses), long-term receivables (loans), endowment funds.
Restricted	Fund balance is reported as restricted when constraints are placed on the use of resources that are either (a) Externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments. (b) Imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.	Funds restricted by State Statute, unspent bond proceeds, grants earned but not spent, debt covenants, taxes raised for a specific purpose.
Committed	A committed fund balance includes amounts that can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the government's highest level of decision-making authority, the governing board. Formal action is required to be taken to establish, modify or rescind a fund balance commitment.	By board action, construction, claims and judgments, retirements of loans and notes payable, capital expenditures and self-insurance.
Assigned	Assigned fund balances are amounts that are constrained by the government's intent to be used for specific purposes, but are under the direction of the board and the business manager.	By board action, construction, claims and judgments, retirements of loans and notes payable, capital expenditures and self-insurance.
Unassigned	Unassigned fund balance is the lowest classification for the General Fund. This is fund balance that has not been reported in any other classification. (a) The General Fund is the only fund that can report a positive unassigned fund balance; (b) A negative unassigned fund balance may be reported in other governmental funds, if expenditures incurred for specific purposes exceeded the amounts restricted, committed, or assigned to those purposes report a positive unassigned fund balance.	Available for any remaining general fund expenditure.

Southwest Multi-County Correctional Center did not have any non-spendable balances, assigned fund balances, or committed balances reported in the balance sheet at December 31, 2014 and 2013.

Unassigned Fund Balances – consist of the following item at December 31, 2014 and 2013:

Unassigned fund balance consists entirely of amounts related to the general fund. The unassigned fund balance is available to meet the entity's ongoing obligations.

Net Position:

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

Unrestricted net position is primarily unrestricted amounts related to the general fund governmental activities. The unrestricted net position is available to meet the entity's ongoing obligations.

Net investment in capital assets is reported for capital assets less accumulated depreciation. The resources needed to repay this related debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets are not used to liquidate these liabilities. These assets are not available for future spending.

NOTE 2: DEPOSITS

In accordance with North Dakota Statutes, the Southwest Multi-County Correctional Center maintains deposits at the depository banks designated by the governing board. All depositories are members of the Federal Reserve System.

Deposits must either be deposited with the Bank of North Dakota or in other financial institution situated and doing business within the state. Deposits, other than with the Bank of North Dakota, must be fully insured or bonded. In lieu of a bond, a financial institution may provide a pledge of securities equal to 110% of the deposits not covered by insurance or bonds.

Authorized collateral includes bills, notes, or bonds issued by the United States government, its agencies or instrumentalities, all bonds and notes guaranteed by the United States government, Federal land bank bonds, bonds, notes, warrants, certificates of indebtedness, insured certificates of deposit, shares of investment companies registered under the Investment Companies Act of 1940, and all other forms of securities issued by the State of North Dakota, its boards, agencies or instrumentalities or by any city, township, school, park, Law Enforcement Center, or other political subdivision of the state of North Dakota. Whether payable from special revenues or supported by the full faith and credit of the issuing body and bonds issued by any other state of the United States or such other securities approved by the banking board.

At year ended December 31, 2014, the Southwest Multi-County Correctional Center's carrying amount of deposits was \$2,312,326 and the bank balances totaled \$2,709,702. Of the bank balances, \$864,389 was covered by Federal Depository Insurance. The remaining bank balances totaling \$1,845,313 were collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's agent in the government's name.

At year ended December 31, 2013, the Southwest Multi-County Correctional Center's carrying amount of deposits was \$2,451,928 and the bank balances totaled \$2,714,046. Of the bank balances, \$825,753 was covered by Federal Depository Insurance. The remaining bank balances totaling \$1,888,293 were collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's agent in the government's name.

Credit Risk:

The Southwest Multi-County Correctional Center may invest idle funds as authorized in North Dakota Statutes, as follows:

- (a) Bonds, treasury bills and notes, or other securities that are a direct obligation insured or guaranteed by, the treasury of the United States, or its agencies, instrumentalities, or organizations created by an act of congress.
- (b) Securities sold under agreements to repurchase written by a financial institution in which the underlying securities for the agreement to repurchase are the type listed above.
- (c) Certificates of Deposit fully insured by the federal deposit insurance corporation.
- (d) Obligations of the state.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - Continued

Concentration of Credit Risk:

As of December 31, 2014 and 2013, the correctional center had certificates of deposit totaling \$1,604,735 and \$1,600,086, respectively, all of which were considered deposits.

NOTE 3: ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Accounts receivable consists of amounts due from other entities for services performed during the years ending December 31, 2014 and 2013.

NOTE 4: OTHER ASSET

The other asset consists of the Southwest Multi-County Correctional Center's portion of the Dickinson Law Enforcement Center fund. There is an agreement between the Correctional Center, City, and County to contribute funds to the Dickinson Law Enforcement Center. As of December 31, 2014, the other asset balance is not guaranteed to be returned to each entity in full.

NOTE 5: CAPITAL ASSETS

The following is a summary of changes in capital assets for the year ended December 31, 2014 for the primary government:

	Balance							Balance
Primary Government:	Jan 1	Increases		Decreases		Transfers		Dec 31
Capital assets not being depreciated:								
Land	\$ 5,750	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 5,750
Capital assets, being depreciated:								
Building Improvements	\$ 1,866,753	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 1,866,753
Buildings	2,752,345		-		-		-	2,752,345
Vehicles	202,501		39,692		40,462		-	201,731
Equipment	312,646		50,129		-		-	362,775
Total Capital Assets, Being Depreciated	\$ 5,134,245	\$	89,821	\$	40,462	\$	-	\$ 5,183,604
Less accumulated depreciation for:								
Building Improvements	\$ 108,812	\$	37,336	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 146,148
Buildings	470,751		55,047		-		-	525,798
Vehicles	115,080		35,785		22,548		-	128,317
Equipment	296,399		16,836		-		-	313,235
Total Accumulated Depreciation	\$ 991,042	\$	145,004	\$	22,548	\$	-	\$ 1,113,498
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated, Net	\$ 4,143,203	\$	(55,183)	\$	17,914	\$	-	\$ 4,070,106
Governmental Activities-Capital Assets, Net	\$ 4,148,953	\$	(55,183)	\$	17,914	\$	-	\$ 4,075,856

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Notes to the Financial Statements - Continued

The following is a summary of changes in capital assets for the year ended December 31, 2013 for the primary government:

	Balance							Balance
Primary Government:	Jan 1	Increases		Decreases		Transfers		Dec 31
Capital assets not being depreciated:								
Land	\$ 5,750	\$ -	\$	-	\$	-	\$	5,750
Capital assets, being depreciated:								
Building Improvements	\$ 1,866,753	\$ -	\$	-	\$	-	\$	1,866,753
Buildings	2,752,345	-		-		-		2,752,345
Vehicles	159,931	47,370		4,800		-		202,501
Equipment	306,942	5,704		-		-		312,646
Total Capital Assets, Being Depreciated	\$ 5,085,971	\$ 53,074	\$	4,800	\$	-	\$	5,134,245
Less accumulated depreciation for:								
Building Improvements	\$ 71,477	\$ 37,335	\$	-	\$	-	\$	108,812
Buildings	415,704	55,047		-		-		470,751
Vehicles	86,634	33,246		4,800		-		115,080
Equipment	281,920	14,479		-		-		296,399
Total Accumulated Depreciation	\$ 855,735	\$ 140,107	\$	4,800	\$	-	\$	991,042
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated, Net	\$ 4,230,236	\$ (87,033)	\$	-	\$	-	\$	4,143,203
Governmental Activities-Capital Assets, Net	\$ 4,235,986	\$ (87,033)	\$	-	\$	-	\$	4,148,953

Depreciation expense totaling \$145,004 and \$140,107 for the years ending December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively, was charged to the Public Safety function.

NOTE 6: ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Accounts payable consists of amounts on open account for goods and services received prior to December 31, 2014 and 2013, and chargeable to appropriations for the years then ended, but paid subsequent to that date.

NOTE 7: SALES TAX PAYABLE

Sales tax payable consists of amounts due to the ND Office of the Tax Commissioner at year-end 2014 and 2013 for sales tax remittance for the years then ended, but paid subsequent to that date.

NOTE 8: STATE TAX PAYABLE

State tax payable consists of amounts due to the ND Office of the Tax Commissioner at yearend 2014 and 2013 for state income tax withheld for the years then ended, but paid subsequent to that date.

NOTE 9: SALARIES PAYABLE

Salaries payable consists of amounts due employees at year-end 2014 and 2013 for employment services performed prior to those dates, and chargeable to appropriations for the years then ended, but paid subsequent to that date.

NOTE 10: LONG-TERM DEBT

Primary Government:

<u>Changes in Long-Term Liabilities</u> - During the year ended December 31, 2014, the following changes occurred in governmental activities long-term liabilities for the primary government:

	Е	Balance					E	Balance	Du	e Within	
Primary Government:	Jan 1		In	creases	De	creases		Dec 31	One Year		
Loans Payable	\$	90,000	\$	-	\$	45,000	\$	45,000	\$	45,000	
Compensated Absences *		181,611		42,679		-		224,290		89,716	
Total Governmental Activities	\$	271,611	\$	42,679	\$	45,000	\$	269,290	\$	134,716	

During the year ended December 31, 2013, the following changes occurred in governmental activities long-term liabilities for the primary government:

	E	Balance	nce				- 1	Balance	Due Within		
Primary Government:	Jan 1		Increases		Decreases		Dec 31		One Year		
Loans Payable	\$	142,510	\$	-	\$	52,510	\$	90,000	\$	45,000	
Compensated Absences *		170,867		10,745		-		181,612		72,645	
Total Governmental Activities	\$	313,377	\$	10,745	\$	52,510	\$	271,612	\$	117,645	

^{*} The change in compensated absences is shown as a net change because changes in salary prohibit exact calculations of additions and reductions at a reasonable cost.

Loans Payable:

\$450,000 Promissory Note from Stark, Billings, Bowman, Slope, Dunn, and Hettinger Counties; due as funds become available from revenue generated by the New England facility. This loan does not bear interest and has no set principal payment schedule.

\$45,000

The annual requirement to amortize the loan payable is one principal payment of \$45,000 due in 2015.

Operating Lease Payments:

The Southwest Multi-County Correctional Center has entered into two operating leases for postage machines with Pitney Bowes. The payments left on the lease at 12-31-2014 total \$4,111. Payments made on operating leases totaled \$661 for 2014 and \$661 for 2013.

Future minimum lease payments are as follows:

Year Ending	
December 31	Amount
2015	\$1,269
2016	1,269
2017	1,269
2018	304
Totals	\$4,111

NOTE 11: RISK MANAGEMENT

The Southwest Multi-County Correctional Center is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters.

In 1986, state agencies and political subdivisions of the State of North Dakota joined together to form the North Dakota Insurance Reserve Fund (NDIRF), a public entity risk pool currently operating as a common risk management and insurance program for the state and over 2,000 political subdivisions. The Southwest Multi-County Correctional Center pays an annual premium to NDIRF for its general liability, automobile, and inland marine insurance coverage. The coverage by NDIRF is limited to losses of two million dollars per occurrence for general liability, two million dollars per occurrence for automobile, and \$227,446 for mobile equipment and portable property.

The Southwest Multi-County Correctional Center also participates in the North Dakota Fire and Tornado Fund and the State Bonding Fund. The Correctional Center pays an annual premium to the Fire and Tornado Fund to cover property damage to buildings and personal property. Replacement cost coverage is provided by estimating replacement cost in consultation with the Fire and Tornado Fund. The Fire and Tornado Fund is reinsured by a third party insurance carrier for losses in excess of one million dollars per occurrence during a 12 month period. The State Bonding Fund currently provides the Correctional Center with blanket fidelity bond coverage in the amount of \$2,000,000 for its employees. The State Bonding Fund does not currently charge any premium for this coverage.

The Southwest Multi-County Correctional Center has workers compensation with the North Dakota Workforce Safety and Insurance. The Correctional Center provides health insurance for its employees through Blue Cross/Blue Shield of North Dakota, and pays up to \$954 per month premium for all full time employees as of December 31, 2014. Part time employees receive a single plan after one year and 1,200 hours of employment.

Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

NOTE 12: RETIREMENT PLAN

The correctional center provides pension benefits for all full time employees through a defined contribution plan administered by American State Bank and Trust Company. In a defined contribution plan, benefits depend solely on amounts contributed to the plan plus investment earnings. Employees are eligible to participate in the plan after 1 full year of service. The correctional center pays 6% of the employee's salary each month. The employee will contribute a mandatory 2% and the correctional center matches that amount by 4%. Each employee may contribute up to 8% in additional contributions in the voluntary aftertax contribution plan.

The Southwest Multi-County Correctional Center's contributions for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012 were \$281,645, \$252,569, and \$253,804, respectively.

NOTE 13: JOINT VENTURE

Dickinson Law Enforcement Center

South West Multi-County Correctional Center entered into a joint venture for the maintenance of the Dickinson Law Enforcement Center with the City of Dickinson and Stark County. Each entity appoints two members to the law enforcement center board. Each participating entity's share of the cost of operations is determined by the relative amount of space occupied by each.

SOUTHWEST MULTI-COUNTY CORRECTIONAL CENTER

Notes to the Financial Statements - Continued

The following information as of and for the year ended December 31, 2014, the most current information available, is as follows:

GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES

Total Assets	\$132,162
Total Liabilities	93,686
Net Position	\$ 38,476
Revenues	\$513,378
Expenses	536,084
Change in Net Position	<u>\$(22,706)</u>

Complete financial statements may be obtained from Southwest Multi-County Correction Center, 12th St. W. and Sims, Dickinson, ND 58601.

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE GENERAL FUND

For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget		
Revenues: Intergovernmental Charge for Services Interest Miscellaneous	\$ 24,650 6,642,893 8,500 450,295	\$ 24,650 6,642,893 8,500 450,295	\$ 48,988 7,180,568 5,279 580,800	\$ 24,338 537,675 (3,221) 130,505		
Total Revenues	\$ 7,126,338	\$ 7,126,338	\$ 7,815,635	\$ 689,297		
Expenditures: Current: Public Safety Debt Service: Principle	\$ 7,652,204 45,000	\$ 7,652,204 45,000	\$ 7,828,150 45,000	\$ (175,946) -		
Total Expenditures	\$ 7,697,204	\$ 7,697,204	\$ 7,873,150	\$ (175,946)		
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	\$ (570,866)	\$ (570,866)	\$ (57,515)	\$ 513,351		
Fund Balance - January 1	\$ 2,610,833	\$ 2,610,833	\$ 2,610,833	\$ -		
Fund Balance - December 31	\$ 2,039,967	\$ 2,039,967	\$ 2,553,318	\$ 513,351		

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE GENERAL FUND

For the Year Ended December 31, 2013

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	 riance with
Revenues: Intergovernmental Charge for Services Interest Miscellaneous	\$ 10,000 6,265,059 34,375 338,356	\$ 10,000 6,265,059 34,375 338,356	\$ 51,580 6,727,934 7,139 627,689	\$ 41,580 462,875 (27,236) 289,333
Total Revenues	\$ 6,647,790	\$ 6,647,790	\$ 7,414,342	\$ 766,552
Expenditures: Current: Public Safety Debt Service: Principle	\$ 7,229,204 45,000	\$ 7,229,204 45,000	\$ 7,610,178 52,510	\$ (380,974) (7,510)
Total Expenditures	\$ 7,274,204	\$ 7,274,204	\$ 7,662,688	\$ (388,484)
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	\$ (626,414)	\$ (626,414)	\$ (248,346)	\$ 378,068
Fund Balance - January 1	\$ 2,859,179	\$ 2,859,179	\$ 2,859,179	\$
Fund Balance - December 31	\$ 2,232,765	\$ 2,232,765	\$ 2,610,833	\$ 378,068

NOTES TO THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION December 31, 2014 and 2013

NOTE 1: STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Budgetary Information:

Annual budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) and in state law for the general fund. A budgetary comparison schedule is presented for the general fund.

- The correctional center adopts an "appropriated budget" on the modified accrual basis of accounting.
- Each budget is controlled by the correctional center financial administrator at the revenue and expenditure function/object level.
- All appropriations lapse at year-end.

SCHEDULE OF FUND ACTIVITY For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

	Balance 1-1-14	Receipts	Tra	ansfers In	Tr	ansfers Out	Dis	sbursements	Balance 12-31-14
<u>Major Fund:</u> General Fund	\$ 2,610,833	\$ 7,815,635	\$	-	\$	-	\$	7,873,150	\$ 2,553,318
Total Governmental Funds	\$ 2,610,833	\$ 7,815,635	\$	-	\$	-	\$	7,873,150	\$ 2,553,318
Agency Funds: SWCCC- Commissary SWMCCC - Bonds DWCRC- Commissary	\$ 63,542 - 197,947	\$ 346,691 1,013,343 986,214	\$	- - -	\$	- - -	\$	331,370 1,013,343 952,781	\$ 78,863 - 231,380
Total Agency Funds	\$ 261,489	\$ 2,346,248	\$	-	\$	-	\$	2,297,494	\$ 310,243
Total All Funds	\$ 2,872,322	\$ 10,161,883	\$	-	\$	-	\$	10,170,644	\$ 2,863,561

SCHEDULE OF FUND ACTIVITY For the Year Ended December 31, 2013

	Balance 1-1-13 Rece			Receipts	Tra	ansfers In	Transfers Out		Disbursements		Balance 12-31-13	
<u>Major Fund:</u> General Fund	\$	2,859,179	\$	7,414,342	\$	-	\$	-	\$	7,662,688	\$	2,610,833
Total Governmental Funds	\$	2,859,179	\$	7,414,342	\$	-	\$	-	\$	7,662,688	\$	2,610,833
Agency Funds: SWCCC- Commissary SWCCC - Bonds DWCRC- Commissary	\$	49,270 - 241,553	\$	333,831 780,658 1,113,714	\$	- - -	\$	- - -	\$	319,559 780,658 1,157,320	\$	63,542 - 197,947
Total Agency Funds	\$	290,823	\$	2,228,203	\$	-	\$	-	\$	2,257,537	\$	261,489
Total All Funds	\$	3,150,002	\$	9,642,545	\$	-	\$	-	\$	9,920,225	\$	2,872,322

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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

Governing Board Southwest Multi-County Correctional Center Dickinson, North Dakota

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 major fund of the Southwest Multi-County Correctional Center, Dickinson, North Dakota, as of and for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Southwest Multi-County Correctional Center's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated January 7, 2016.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Southwest Multi-County Correctional Center'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 Southwest Multi-County Correctional Center's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Southwest Multi-County Correctional Center'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 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.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Southwest Multi-County Correctional Center'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*.

SOUTHWEST MULTI-COUNTY CORRECTIONAL CENTER

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* - Continued

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.

Robert R. Peterson State Auditor

Fargo, North Dakota January 7, 2016

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS For the Years Ended December 31, 2014 and 2013

Section I - Summary of Auditor's Results **Financial Statements** Type of Report Issued? **Governmental Activities** Unmodified Major Fund Unmodified Internal control over financial reporting: Material weaknesses identified? X None noted Yes Significant deficiencies identified not considered to be material weaknesses? Yes X None noted Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? Yes X None noted

No matters reported.

Section II - Financial Statement Findings

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We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities and the major fund of the Southwest Multi-County Correctional Center, Dickinson, North Dakota, for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013 which collectively comprise the Correctional Center's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated January 7, 2016. Professional standards require that we provide you with the following information related to our audit.

OUR RESPONSIBILITY UNDER AUDITING STANDARDS GENERALLY ACCEPTED IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

As stated in our engagement letter dated December 14, 2015, our responsibility, as described by professional standards, is to plan and perform our audit to obtain reasonable, but not absolute, assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. Because of the concept of reasonable assurance and because we did not perform a detailed examination of all transactions, there is a risk that material errors, fraud, or other illegal acts may exist and not be detected by us.

In planning and performing our audit, we considered Southwest Multi-County Correctional Center's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Southwest Multi-County Correctional Center's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Southwest Multi-County Correctional Center's internal control over financial reporting

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Southwest Multi-County Correctional Center's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. While our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion, it does not provide a legal determination on Southwest Multi-County Correctional Center's compliance with those requirements.

SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES/QUALITATIVE ASPECTS OF ACCOUNTING PRACTICES

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter, we will advise management about the appropriateness of accounting policies and their application. The significant accounting policies used by Southwest Multi-County Correctional Center are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. Application of existing policies was not changed during the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013. We noted no transactions entered into by the governmental unit during the years for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. There are no significant transactions that have been recognized in the financial statements in a different period than when the transaction occurred.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements presented 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. The most sensitive estimate affecting the financial statements is useful lives of capital assets.

SOUTHWEST MULTI-COUNTY CORRECTIONAL CENTER

Management's Letter - Continued

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 report them to the appropriate level of management. None of the misstatements detected as a result of audit procedures were material, either individually or in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole.

DISAGREEMENTS WITH MANAGEMENT

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, concerning a financial accounting, or reporting matter 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, 2016.

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.

DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED IN PERFORMING THE AUDIT

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

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.

This information is intended solely for the use of the Governing Board and management of the Correctional Center and is not intended to be and should not be used for any other purpose. We would be happy to meet with you and any member of your staff to discuss any of the items in this letter in more detail if you so desire.

Thank you and the employees of the Correctional Center for the courteous and friendly assistance we received during the course of our audit. It is a pleasure for us to be able to serve the Correctional Center.

Robert R. Peterson State Auditor

Fargo, North Dakota January 7, 2016

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