

ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
AND STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

Federal Agency	CFDA Number	Contract Number	Expenditures	Program/Cluster Totals	Expenditures to Subrecipients
Department of Housing and Urban Development					
Direct Assistance:					
Housing Counseling Assistance Program	14.169	HC190421010	\$ 25,610		\$ -
Housing Counseling Assistance Program	14.169	HC200421042	8,709	\$ 34,319	-
Community Development Entitlement Grants Cluster	14.218	B-16-UC-12-0021	343,747		-
Community Development Entitlement Grants Cluster	14.218	B-17-UC-12-0021	16,813		-
Community Development Entitlement Grants Cluster	14.218	B-18-UC-12-0021	62,043		-
Community Development Entitlement Grants Cluster	14.218	B-19-UC-12-0021	76,330		-
Community Development Entitlement Grants Cluster	14.218	B-20-UW-12-0021	585,519	1,084,452	-
Continuum of Care Program	14.267	FL0637L4H121701	9,220		-
Continuum of Care Program	14.267	FL0637L4H121802	7,189	16,409	-
Passed through the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity:					
Community Development Block Grants/State's Program and Non-Entitlement Grants in Hawaii	14.228	17DB-OL-04-65-01-W01	4,267,971		-
Passed through the Florida Department of Children and Families and Flagler Hospital:					
Emergency Solutions Grant Program	14.231	NP006	9,215		-
Department of Justice					
Passed through Florida Department of Legal Affairs, Office of the Attorney General:					
Victim of Crimes Act	16.575	VOCA-2018-St. Johns County Sheriff-00312	102,425		-
Passed through Florida Office of Justice Program:					
Bulletproof Vest Partnership	16.607	2018-BOBX18093342	26,639		-
Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program	16.738	2020-JAGC-STJO-2-Y5-091	28,533		-
Passed through Florida Department of Law Enforcement					
	16.742	2019-CD-BX-0011	2,521		-
Department of Transportation					
Direct Assistance:					
Federal Transit Formula Grants/Federal Transit Cluster	20.507	6410-2020-2-P1	1,093,727		971,747
Federal Transit Formula Grants/Federal Transit Cluster	20.507	6410-2019-1-P1	314,155		303,116
Federal Transit Formula Grants/Federal Transit Cluster	20.507	FL-2018-106-00	68,802	1,476,684	-
Passed through the Florida Department of Transportation:					
Highway Planning and Construction Cluster	20.205	G1598; 441220-1-38-02	241		-
Highway Planning and Construction Cluster	20.205	G0766; 439470-1-38-02	4,156		-
Highway Planning and Construction Cluster	20.205	G0778; 437628-1-38-02	3,704	8,101	-
State and Community Highway Safety (Part of the Highway Safety Cluster)	20.600	SC-20-13-23	19,986	19,986	-
Department of the Treasury					
Passed through the Florida Housing Finance Corporation					
Coronavirus Relief Fund	21.019	089-2020	46,689,756		-
Election Assistance Commission					
Passed through the Florida Department of State, Division of Elections:					
Help America Vote Act Requirements Payments	90.401	2018-2019-0003-SIC	21,447		-
Help America Vote Act Requirements Payments	90.401	2019-2020-0001-SIC	28,876	50,323	-
Help America Vote Act - CARES Act	90.404	2020-001	229,163		-
Department of Health and Human Services					
Passed through the Florida Department of Children and Families:					
Promoting Safe and Stable Families	93.556	NJ206	301,099		-
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (477 Cluster)	93.558	NJ206	598,524	598,524	-
Chafee Education and Training Vouchers	93.599	NJ206	4,592		-
Stephanie Tubbs Jones Child Welfare Services Program	93.645	NJ206	99,570		-
Foster Care-Title IV-E	93.658	NJ206	964,232		-
Adoption Assistance	93.659	NJ206	1,242,119		-
Social Services Block Grant	93.667	NJ206	230,691		-
Child Abuse and Neglect State Grants	93.669	NJ206	18,833		-
Chafee Foster Care Independence Program	93.674	NJ206	22,671		-
Medical Assistance Program (Medicaid Cluster)	93.778	NJ206	9,970	9,970	-
Passed through the Florida Department of Revenue:					
Child Support Enforcement - Title IV-D	93.563	COC55	121,455	121,455	-
Executive Office of the President					
Direct Assistance:					
High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas Program	95.001	G17NF0001A	17,984		-
High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas Program	95.001	G18NF0001A	259,878		-
High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas Program	95.001	G19NF0001A	2,932,739		-
High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas Program	95.001	G20NF0001A	717,039	3,927,640	-
Department of Homeland Security					
Direct Assistance:					
Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response	97.083	EMW-2017-FH-00331	587,231		-
Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response	97.083	EMW-2018-FH-00045	494,832	1,082,063	-
Passed through the Florida Division of Emergency Management:					
Disaster Grants - Public Assistance	97.036	17-PA-US-04-65-02-125	868,092		-
Disaster Grants - Public Assistance	97.036	20276	2,038,945		-
Disaster Grants - Public Assistance	97.036	21636	373,352	3,280,389	-
Hazard Mitigation Grant	97.039	H0012	218,313		-
Hazard Mitigation Grant	97.039	H0058	8,187		-
Hazard Mitigation Grant	97.039	H0059	9,893		-
Hazard Mitigation Grant	97.039	H0080	141,862		-
Hazard Mitigation Grant	97.039	H0096	87,968	466,223	-
Emergency Management Performance Grants	97.042	G0034	87,087		-
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards			\$ 66,503,655		\$ 1,274,863

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 AND STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

State Agency	State CSFA Number	Contract Number	Expenditures	Program Totals	Expenditures to Subrecipients
Executive Office of the Governor:					
Emergency Management Programs	31.063	A0032	\$ 105,742		\$ -
Emergency Management Programs	31.063	A0133	9,434	\$ 115,176	-
Department of Environmental Protection:					
Beach Management Funding Assistance Program	37.003	21SJ1	4,209,332		-
Drinking Water Facility Construction	37.076	DW550130	2,145,434		-
Drinking Water Facility Construction	37.076	DW550140	1,956,447	4,101,881	-
Wastewater Treatment Facility Construction	37.077	WW550120	6,784,958		-
Statewide Water Restoration Projects	37.101	20SJL	169,660		-
Florida Housing Finance Corporation:					
State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program	40.901	2017-2018	883,494		744,527
State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program	40.901	2018-2019	564,956		135,600
State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program	40.901	2019-2020	351,968	1,800,418	116,700
Department of State and Secretary of State:					
State Aid to Libraries	45.030	20-ST-72	139,504		-
Acquisition, Restoration of Historic Propertyes	45.032	SC722	55,700		-
Department of Education					
Coach Aaron Feis Guardian Program	48.140	97G-90210-0D001	76,618		-
Department of Transportation:					
Public Transit Block Grant Program	55.010	418441-1-84-19	115,776		115,776
Public Transit Block Grant Program	55.010	418441-1-84-20	234,602	350,378	234,602
Florida Shared_Use Nonmotorized (Sun)Trail Network Program	55.038	G0M37; 439932-1-14-01	359,638		-
Department of Children and Families:					
Homeless Grants-in-Aid	60.021	NP006	32,354		-
Out-of-Home Supports	60.074	NJ206	499,829		-
The Independent Living and Road to Independence Program	60.112	NJ206	465		-
CBC-Sexually Exploited Children	60.138	NJ206	2,039		-
Extended Foster Care Program	60.141	NJ206	993		-
CBC-Purchase of Therapeutic Services for Children	60.183	NJ206	24,859		-
Department of Health					
County Grant Awards	64.005	C8058	21,268		-
Total expenditures of state financial assistance			<u>\$ 18,745,070</u>		<u>\$ 1,347,205</u> (concluded)

ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
 AND STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

NOTE 1 – BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards and State Financial Assistance (the Schedule) includes the Federal and State award activity of St. Johns County, Florida for the year ended September 30, 2020. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance) and Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General. Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the County, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net position, or cash flows of the County.

NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized when they become a demand on current available financial resources. Expenditures on contracts dated before or on December 26, 2014 are recognized following the cost principles in OMB Circular A-133, and expenditures on all subsequent contracts are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement.

NOTE 3 – INDIRECT COST RATE

The County did not elect to charge the 10% de minimus indirect cost rate as outlined in the Uniform Guidance or any other indirect cost rate to any federal or state programs.

NOTE 4 – SUBRECIPIENTS

The County provided federal awards to subrecipients as follows:

<u>Federal Program</u>	<u>Federal CFDA Number</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Federal Transit Formula Grants	20.507	<u>\$ 1,274,863</u>

The County provided state awards to subrecipients as follows:

<u>State Project</u>	<u>State CSFA Number</u>	<u>Amount</u>
State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program	40.901	\$ 996,827
Public Transit Block Grant Program	55.010	<u>350,378</u>
Total		<u>\$ 1,347,205</u>

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

NOTE 5 – PRIOR YEAR EXPENDITURES

Expenditures for CFDA No. 97.036, Disaster Grant – Public Assistance, include \$3,280,389 for hurricane related costs that were incurred in prior fiscal years that had not yet been obligated (approved) by the Federal Emergency Management Agency as of September 30, 2019.

NOTE 6 – OTHER

The County does not participate in any loan or loan guarantee programs, nor did the County receive any non-cash federal or state assistance in fiscal year 2020.

**ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2020**

I. Summary of Auditors' Results:

Financial Statements:

Type of audit report issued on the financial statements: *Unmodified*

Internal control over financial reporting:

Material weakness(es) identified? X yes no

Significant deficiency(ies) identified? yes X none reported

Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? yes X no

Federal Awards:

Internal control over major Federal programs:

Material weakness(es) identified? yes X no

Significant deficiency(ies) identified? yes X none reported

Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major Federal programs: *Unmodified*

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a)? yes X none reported

Auditee qualified as a low-risk auditee? yes X no

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B programs: \$1,995,110

Identification of major Federal programs:

CFDA Number	Program Name
20.019	Coronavirus Relief Fund

State Financial Assistance:

Internal control over major State projects:

Material weakness(es) identified? _____ yes X no

Significant deficiency(ies) identified? _____ yes X none reported

Type of auditor’s report issued on compliance for major State projects: *Unqualified*

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported for state financial assistance projects in accordance with Chapter 10.550? _____ yes X none reported

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B programs: \$750,000

Identification of major State projects:

<u>CSFA Number</u>	<u>Project Name</u>
37.076	Drinking Water Facility Construction
37.077	Wastewater Treatment Facility Construction
40.901	State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program

II. Financial Statement Findings:

2020-001 Timeliness of Bank Reconciliations

Criteria: Bank accounts should be reconciled on a timely and regular basis to help prevent misappropriation and ensure the proper recording of all cash transactions.

Condition: Significant unreconciled variances on the September 30, 2020, bank reconciliation remained as of the start of audit fieldwork.

Cause: The County’s year end bank reconciliation was not completed on a timely basis.

Effect: Assets could potentially be misappropriated or accounting records could be misstated, with such issues not being identified on a timely basis, if at all.

Recommendation: We recommend the County’s finance department perform all bank reconciliations in a timely basis after the end of the month and ensure all reconciled balances per the bank reconciliations agree to the general ledger.

III. **Federal Awards Programs Findings and Questioned Costs:** None

IV. **State Financial Assistance Projects Findings and Questioned Costs:** None

V. **Prior Audit Findings:** None

VI. **Corrective Action Plan:** See Management’s Response as listed in the table of contents.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM AND STATE PROJECT AND REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE AND CHAPTER 10.550, RULES OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL

To the Honorable County Commissioners
St. Johns County, Florida:

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program and State Project

We have audited St. Johns County, Florida's (the County) compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) *Compliance Supplement*, and the requirements described in the *Florida Department of Financial Services State Projects Compliance Supplement*, that could have a direct and material effect on each of the County's major federal programs and state projects for the year ended September 30, 2020. The County's major federal programs and major state projects are identified in the summary of auditors' results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

Management's Responsibility

Management is responsible for compliance with federal and state statutes, regulations, contracts, and the terms and conditions of federal awards, state financial assistance, and grants applicable to its federal programs and state projects.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of the County's major federal programs and state projects based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance); and Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Florida Auditor General. Those standards, the Uniform Guidance, and Chapter 10.550 require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program or state project occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the County's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our qualified and unmodified opinions on compliance for major federal programs and state projects. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of the County's compliance.

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Opinion on Each Major Federal Program and State Project

In our opinion, the County complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs and state projects for the year ended September 30, 2020

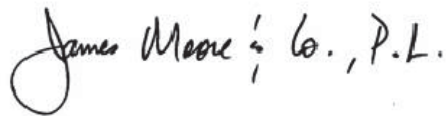
Report on Internal Control over Compliance

Management of the County is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered the County's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each major federal program and state project as a basis for designing auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on compliance for each major federal program and state project and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance; and Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Florida Auditor General; but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control over compliance.

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program or state project on a timely basis. A *material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program or state project will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program or state project that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance; Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Florida Auditor General; and the Guide. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.



Daytona Beach, Florida
June 30, 2021

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

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners,
St. Johns County, Florida:

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of St. Johns County, Florida (the County), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated June 30, 2021.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the County's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the County'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 and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. However, as described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2020-001, we identified a certain deficiency in internal control that we consider to be a material weakness.

Compliance and Other Matters

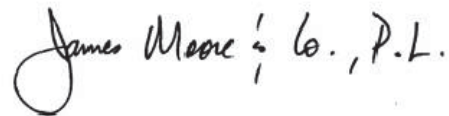
As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the County's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material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

Management's Response to Findings

The County's responses to the findings identified in our audit are outlined as listed in the table of contents. The County's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

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.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James Moore & Co., P.L." The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial 'J'.

Daytona Beach, Florida
June 30, 2021

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' MANAGEMENT LETTER REQUIRED
BY CHAPTER 10.550, RULES OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA
OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL**

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners,
St. Johns County, Florida:

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the basic financial statements of St. Johns County, Florida (the County), as of and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2020, and have issued our report thereon dated June 30, 2021.

Auditors' Responsibility

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance); Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Florida Auditor General.

Other Reporting Requirements

We have issued our Independent Auditors' Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of the Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*; Independent Auditors' Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program and State Project and Report on Internal Control over Compliance in Accordance with the Uniform Guidance and Chapter 10.550 Rules of the Florida Auditor General; Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs; and Independent Accountants' Report on an examination conducted in accordance with *AICPA Professional Standards*, AT-C Section 315, regarding compliance requirements in accordance with Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General. Disclosures in those reports and schedule, which are dated June 30, 2021, should be considered in conjunction with this management letter.

Prior Audit Findings

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

Official Title and Legal Authority

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

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Financial Condition and Management

Sections 10.554(1)(i)5.a. and 10.556(7), Rules of the Auditor General, require us to apply appropriate procedures and communicate the results of our determination as to whether or not the County has met one or more of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes, and identification of the specific conditions met. In connection with our audit, we determined that the County did not meet any of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes.

Pursuant to Sections 10.554(1)(i)5.b. and 10.556(8), Rules of the Auditor General, we applied financial condition assessment procedures. It is management's responsibility to monitor the County's financial condition, and our financial condition assessment was based in part on representations made by management and the review of financial information provided by same.

Section 10.554(1)(i)2., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we communicate any recommendations to improve financial management. In connection with our audit, we had the following recommendations:

2020-002 Unexpended Fund Balance – Building Permits – Section 553.80(7)(a), Florida Statutes, has been updated to limit the amount of unexpended building permit funds carried forward to future fiscal years to no more than the County's average operating budget for enforcing the Florida Building Code for the previous four fiscal years. A local government must use any funds in excess of this limitation to rebate or reduce fees. The County's unexpended building permit funds in the Building Services Fund at September 30, 2020, exceeded the County's average operating budget for enforcing the Florida Building Code for the previous four fiscal years by substantial amounts. We recommend the County identify how it intends to reduce the amount of unexpended building code balances in order to comply with Section 553.80(7)(a) of Florida Statutes.

Additional Matters

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

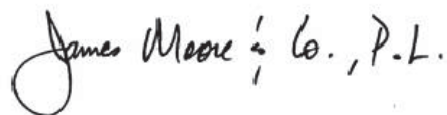
Management's Response to Findings

The County's responses to the findings identified in our audit are outlined as listed in the table of contents. The County's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

Purpose of this Letter

Our management letter is intended solely for the information and use of the Legislative Auditing Committee, members of the Florida Senate and Florida House of Representatives, the Florida Auditor General, Federal and other granting agencies, County Commission, management, others within the County, and pass-through entities and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Daytona Beach, Florida
June 30, 2021



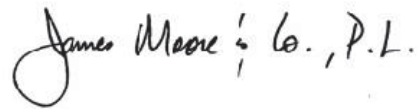
INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' EXAMINATION REPORT

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners,
St. Johns County, Florida:

We have examined St. Johns County, Florida compliance with Section 218.415, Florida Statutes, *Local Government Investment Policies*, Section 365.172, Florida Statutes, *Emergency Communications Number "E911"*, and Section 365.173, Florida Statutes, *Communications Number E911 System Fund* for the year ended September 30, 2020. Management is responsible for the County's compliance with those requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the County's compliance based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Those standards require that we plan and perform the examination to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the County complied with Section 218.415, Florida Statutes, *Local Government Investment Policies*, Section 365.172, Florida Statutes, *Emergency Communications Number "E911"*, and Section 365.173, Florida Statutes, *Communications Number E911 System Fund*, for the year ended September 30, 2020, in all material respects. An examination involves performing procedures to obtain evidence about the County's compliance with those requirements. The nature, timing, and extent of the procedures selected depend on our judgment, including an assessment of risks of material noncompliance with those requirements, whether due to fraud or error. We believe that the evidence we obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

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



Daytona Beach, Florida
June 30, 2021

Brandon J. Patty

Clerk of the Circuit Court and
Comptroller



Mark P. Miner

Chief Deputy Clerk

**Clerk of the Circuit Court
and County Comptroller
St. Johns County, Florida**

June 30, 2021

Ms. Sherrill F. Norman, C.P.A.
Auditor General Office
Local Government Audits
Claude Pepper Building
111 West Madison Street
Tallahassee FL 32399-1450

Dear Ms. Norman

This letter is in response to the findings related to the St. Johns County's financial statements audit for the year ended September 30, 2020.

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs, Finding 2020-001

The Comptroller's Office is aware of the variances noted and have been investigating and resolving the differences. New management will be developing procedures to have the bank reconciliation completed with no unreconciled amounts by the independent Banking Specialist and supervisory review within 45 days after the end of the month.

Finding on the Independent Auditors' Management Letter Required by Chapter 10.550, Rules of the State of Florida Office of the Auditor General

We concur with the finding. The County is aware of the unexpended building permit funds and discussions among necessary County officials have been ongoing to discuss the funds and how best to eliminate the surplus going forward. We will strive to have a resolution this year.

Should you need further comment or have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

Brandon J. Patty
Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller