

HARRIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 46

HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

DECEMBER 31, 2023

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Commissioners
Harris County Emergency
Services District No. 46
Harris County, Texas

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and major fund of Harris County Emergency Services District No. 46 (the "District") as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and major fund of the District as of December 31, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the District, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for 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.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the District's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 District's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the District's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis, the Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual - General Fund, the Schedule of Changes in Net Pension Liability and Related Ratios, the Schedule of District Contributions, and the Schedule of Changes in Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability and Contributions to Texas Emergency Services Retirement System be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, 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.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements. The supplementary information required by Harris County and the other supplementary information are presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The supplementary information, excluding that portion marked "Unaudited" on which we express no opinion or provide an assurance, has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.



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Houston, Texas

October 21, 2024

**HARRIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 46
MANAGEMENT’S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

Management’s discussion and analysis of Harris County Emergency Services District No. 46’s (the “District”) financial performance provides an overview of the District’s financial activities for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023.

USING THIS ANNUAL REPORT

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements. The basic financial statements include: (1) fund financial statements and government-wide financial statements and (2) notes to the financial statements. The fund financial statements and government-wide financial statements combine both: (1) the Statement of Net Position and Governmental Funds Balance Sheet and (2) the Statement of Activities and Governmental Fund Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance. This report also includes required and other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The District’s annual report includes two financial statements combining the government-wide financial statements and the fund financial statements. The government-wide financial statements provide both long-term and short-term information about the District’s overall status. Financial reporting at this level uses a perspective like that found in the private sector with its basis in full accrual accounting and elimination or reclassification of internal activities.

The Statement of Net Position includes all the District’s assets, liabilities and, if applicable, deferred inflows and outflows of resources, with the difference reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the District is improving or deteriorating. Evaluation of the overall health of the District would extend to other non-financial factors.

The Statement of Activities reports how the District’s net position changed during the current fiscal year. All current year revenues and expenses are included regardless of when cash is received or paid.

FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The combined statements also include fund financial statements. A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The District has one governmental fund type. The General Fund accounts for resources not accounted for in another fund, property tax revenues, sales tax receipts, EMS collections, costs of assessing and collecting taxes and general expenditures.

**HARRIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 46
MANAGEMENT’S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

Governmental funds are reported in each of the financial statements. The focus in the fund financial statements provides a distinctive view of the District’s governmental funds. These statements report short-term fiscal accountability focusing on the use of spendable resources and balances of spendable resources available at the end of the year. They are useful in evaluating annual financing requirements of the District and the commitment of spendable resources for the near-term.

Since the government-wide focus includes the long-term view, comparisons between these two perspectives may provide insight into the long-term impact of short-term financing decisions. The adjustments columns, the Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position and the Reconciliation of the Governmental Fund Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance to the Statement of Activities explain the differences between the two presentations and assist in understanding the differences between these two perspectives.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The accompanying notes to the financial statements provide information essential to a full understanding of the government-wide and fund financial statements.

OTHER INFORMATION

In addition to the financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain required supplementary information (“RSI”). The budgetary comparison schedule is included as RSI for the General Fund.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

Net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of the District’s financial position. In the case of the District, assets and deferred outflows of resources exceeded liabilities and deferred inflows of resources by \$23,295,046 as of December 31, 2023.

A portion of the District’s net position reflects its net investment in capital assets (land, buildings, vehicles and equipment less any debt used to acquire those assets that is still outstanding). The District uses these assets to provide for firefighting and emergency services.

**HARRIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 46
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS (Continued)

The following is a comparative analysis of government-wide changes in net position:

	Summary of Changes in the Statement of Net Position		
	2023	2022	Change Positive (Negative)
Current and Other Assets	\$ 21,447,544	\$ 20,056,582	\$ 1,390,962
Capital Assets and Right-of-Use Assets	20,507,322	20,123,162	384,160
Total Assets	\$ 41,954,866	\$ 40,179,744	\$ 1,775,122
Deferred Outflows of Resources	\$ 1,297,750	\$ 1,048,867	\$ 248,883
Long-Term Liabilities	\$ 7,846,005	\$ 9,572,653	\$ 1,726,648
Other Liabilities	3,014,754	2,767,952	(246,802)
Total Liabilities	\$ 10,860,759	\$ 12,340,605	\$ 1,479,846
Deferred Inflows of Resources	\$ 9,096,811	\$ 8,438,090	\$ (658,721)
Net Position:			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	\$ 10,934,669	\$ 8,860,220	\$ 2,074,449
Unrestricted	12,360,377	11,589,696	770,681
Total Net Position	\$ 23,295,046	\$ 20,449,916	\$ 2,845,130

The following table provides a summary of the District's operations for the years ended December 31, 2023, and December 31, 2022.

	Summary of Changes in the Statement of Activities		
	2023	2022	Change Positive (Negative)
Revenues:			
Property Taxes	\$ 7,925,426	\$ 6,904,362	\$ 1,021,064
Sales Tax Receipts	5,463,596	5,241,498	222,098
Charges for Services	2,447,852	2,142,177	305,675
Other Revenues	892,936	600,720	292,216
Total Revenues	\$ 16,729,810	\$ 14,888,757	\$ 1,841,053
Expenses for Services	13,884,680	13,319,563	(565,117)
Change in Net Position	\$ 2,845,130	\$ 1,569,194	\$ 1,275,936
Net Position, Beginning of Year	20,449,916	18,880,722	1,569,194
Net Position, End of Year	\$ 23,295,046	\$ 20,449,916	\$ 2,845,130

**HARRIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 46
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE DISTRICT'S GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

The District's General Fund fund balance as of December 31, 2023, was \$11,422,527, an increase of \$451,475 from the prior year. This increase was primarily due to property tax revenues, sales tax revenues, EMS collections and other revenues exceeding service operation costs, capital outlay and debt service costs in the current fiscal year.

GENERAL FUND BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

The Board of Commissioners adopted an unappropriated budget for the current fiscal year. Actual revenues were \$1,650,468 more than budgeted revenues. Actual expenditures were \$476,425 more than budgeted, which resulted in a positive variance of \$1,174,043. See budget to actual comparison for more information.

CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets as of December 31, 2023, total \$18,335,847 (net of accumulated depreciation) and include land, buildings, vehicles and equipment. During the current fiscal year, the District purchased generator equipment, training equipment, a trailer, Firevent portable unit, and equipment for the District's boardroom. Construction in progress includes Station No. 29 renovation project, 2023 Ram 4500 chassis, and two pumper trucks.

Capital Assets At Year-End, Net of Accumulated Depreciation			
	2023	2022	Change Positive (Negative)
Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated:			
Land and Land Improvements	\$ 1,845,746	\$ 1,845,746	\$
Construction in Progress	7,175,174	6,663,927	511,247
Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation:			
Buildings	7,972,990	7,719,801	253,189
Vehicles	776,959	1,159,885	(382,926)
Fire and Rescue Equipment	183,473	163,516	19,957
Office Equipment	63,512	1,324	62,188
Communications Equipment	317,993	402,464	(84,471)
Total Net Capital Assets	<u>\$ 18,335,847</u>	<u>\$ 17,956,663</u>	<u>\$ 379,184</u>

Additional information on the District's capital assets can be found in Note 5 of this report.

**HARRIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 46
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

RIGHT-OF-USE ASSETS

In accordance with the requirements of GASB Statement No. 87, the District reclassified certain capital assets to right-of-use assets. Right-of-use assets consisted of two emergency vehicles which totaled \$693,071, had current year amortization expense of \$69,307, and had an accumulated amortization balance of \$222,542 as of December 31, 2023. In addition, \$1,700,946 is recorded as construction in progress related to two fire trucks.

LONG-TERM DEBT ACTIVITY

At the end of the current fiscal year, the District had total long-term debt payable of \$9,572,653. The changes in the debt position of the District during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023, are summarized as follows:

Notes Payable, January 1, 2023	\$	9,454,247
Less: Note Principal Paid		1,331,151
Notes Payable, December 31, 2023	\$	8,123,096
Lease Payable, January 1, 2023	\$	1,808,695
Less: Lease Principal Paid		359,138
Lease Payable, December 31, 2023	\$	1,449,557

CONTACTING THE DISTRICT'S MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the District's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional information should be addressed to Harris County Emergency Services District No. 46, c/o Coveler & Peeler, P.C., 820 Gessner, Suite 1710, Houston, TX 77024.

HARRIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 46
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION AND
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET
DECEMBER 31, 2023

	General Fund	Adjustments	Statement of Net Position
ASSETS			
Cash	\$ 1,884,273	\$	\$ 1,884,273
Investments	10,635,703		10,635,703
Due From Harris County Tax Assessor	3,786,662		3,786,662
Receivables:			
Property Taxes	3,856,315		3,856,315
Sales Tax Receipts	1,010,681		1,010,681
Penalty and Interest on Delinquent Taxes		95,790	95,790
Other	82,386		82,386
Inventory	95,734		95,734
Land		1,845,746	1,845,746
Construction in Progress		7,175,174	7,175,174
Right-of-Use Assets (Net of Accumulated Amortization)		2,171,475	2,171,475
Capital Assets (Net of Accumulated Depreciation)		9,314,927	9,314,927
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 21,351,754</u>	<u>\$ 20,603,112</u>	<u>\$ 41,954,866</u>
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Deferred Outflows - Pension	\$ - 0 -	\$ 1,297,750	\$ 1,297,750
TOTAL ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	<u>\$ 21,351,754</u>	<u>\$ 21,900,862</u>	<u>\$ 43,252,616</u>

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

HARRIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 46
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION AND
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET
DECEMBER 31, 2023

	General Fund	Adjustments	Statement of Net Position
LIABILITIES			
Accounts Payable	\$ 829,261	\$	\$ 829,261
Accrued Interest Payable		66,171	66,171
Net Pension Liability		392,674	392,674
Lease Payable:			
Due Within One Year		366,085	366,085
Due After One Year		1,083,472	1,083,472
Notes Payable:			
Due Within One Year		1,360,563	1,360,563
Due After One Year		6,762,533	6,762,533
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$ 829,261</u>	<u>\$ 10,031,498</u>	<u>\$ 10,860,759</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Property Taxes	\$ 9,099,966	\$ (172,012)	\$ 8,927,954
Deferred Inflows - Pension		168,857	168,857
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	<u>\$ 9,099,966</u>	<u>\$ (3,155)</u>	<u>\$ 9,096,811</u>
FUND BALANCE			
Nonspendable:			
Inventory	\$ 95,734	\$ (95,734)	\$
Assigned to 2024 Budget	861,800	(861,800)	
Unassigned	10,464,993	(10,464,993)	
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	<u>\$ 11,422,527</u>	<u>\$ (11,422,527)</u>	<u>\$ - 0 -</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCE	<u>\$ 21,351,754</u>		
NET POSITION			
Net Investment in Capital Assets		\$ 10,934,669	\$ 10,934,669
Unrestricted		12,360,377	12,360,377
TOTAL NET POSITION		<u>\$ 23,295,046</u>	<u>\$ 23,295,046</u>

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

HARRIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 46
RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
BALANCE SHEET TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
DECEMBER 31, 2023

Total Fund Balance - Governmental Fund \$ 11,422,527

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:

Capital assets and right-of-use assets used in governmental activities are not current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as assets in the governmental funds. 20,507,322

Portions of the change in net pension asset and liability that are not immediately recognized as pension expense are recorded as deferred outflows and inflows of resources. 736,219

Deferred inflows of resources related to property tax revenues and penalty and interest receivables on delinquent taxes for the 2022 and prior tax levies became part of recognized revenues in the governmental activities of the District. 267,802

Certain liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported as liabilities in the governmental funds. These liabilities at year-end consist of:

Accrued Interest Payable	\$ (66,171)	
Capital Leases Payable Within One Year	(366,085)	
Capital Leases Payable After One Year	(1,083,472)	
Notes Payable Within One Year	(1,360,563)	
Notes Payable After One Year	<u>(6,762,533)</u>	<u>(9,638,824)</u>

Total Net Position - Governmental Activities \$ 23,295,046

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

HARRIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 46
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND GOVERNMENTAL FUND STATEMENT OF
REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	General Fund	Adjustments	Statement of Activities
REVENUES			
Property Taxes	\$ 7,895,465	\$ 29,961	\$ 7,925,426
Sales Tax Receipts	5,463,596		5,463,596
EMS Collections	2,447,852		2,447,852
Penalty and Interest	85,599	9,481	95,080
Investment Revenues	633,684		633,684
Sale of Assets	1,930		1,930
State Deployment Reimbursement	4,291		4,291
Grants, FEMA and Miscellaneous Revenues	157,951		157,951
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>\$ 16,690,368</u>	<u>\$ 39,442</u>	<u>\$ 16,729,810</u>
EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES			
Service Operations:			
Administration	\$ 15,337	\$	\$ 15,337
Apparatus Repair and Maintenance	606,622		606,622
Accounting and Auditing	37,500		37,500
Appraisal District Fees	61,298		61,298
Collections	182,787		182,787
Commissioner Fees	10,500		10,500
Community Outreach	14,173		14,173
Emergency Management	41,758		41,758
Emergency Medical Services	647,829		647,829
Fire and Rescue	343,427		343,427
General	361,175		361,175
Insurance	309,066		309,066
Legal Fees - General	91,569		91,569
Legal Fees - Delinquent Tax Collections	13,929		13,929
Property Maintenance	203,272		203,272
Salaries and Benefits	9,149,565	(263,559)	8,886,006
Station Services/Utilities	208,380		208,380
Tax Assessor/Collector Fees	38,364		38,364
Technology and Communications	564,991		564,991
Depreciation and Amortization		1,002,046	1,002,046
Capital Outlay	1,415,179	(1,386,206)	28,973
Debt Service:			
Lease Principal	359,138	(359,138)	
Lease Interest	31,483	(4,345)	27,138
Note Principal	1,331,151	(1,331,151)	
Note Interest	200,400	(11,860)	188,540
TOTAL EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES	<u>\$ 16,238,893</u>	<u>\$ (2,354,213)</u>	<u>\$ 13,884,680</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	\$ 451,475	\$ (451,475)	\$
CHANGE IN NET POSITION		2,845,130	2,845,130
FUND BALANCE/NET POSITION -			
JANUARY 1, 2023	<u>10,971,052</u>	<u>9,478,864</u>	<u>20,449,916</u>
FUND BALANCE/NET POSITION -			
DECEMBER 31, 2023	<u>\$ 11,422,527</u>	<u>\$ 11,872,519</u>	<u>\$ 23,295,046</u>

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

**HARRIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 46
RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUND STATEMENT OF
REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

Net Change in Fund Balance - Governmental Fund \$ 451,475

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

Governmental funds report tax revenues when collected. However, in the government-wide financial statements, revenues are recorded in the accounting period for which the taxes are levied. 29,961

Governmental funds report delinquent tax penalty and interest when collected. However, in the government-wide financial statements, revenues are recorded when penalty and interest are assessed. 9,481

The changes in the deferred outflows of resources for pensions are recorded as pension expense in the government-wide financial statements. 263,559

Governmental funds do not account for depreciation and amortization. However, in the government-wide financial statements, capital assets are depreciated and right-of-use assets are amortized and the expense is recorded in the Statement of Activities. (1,002,046)

Governmental funds report capital costs as expenditures in the period purchased. However, in the government-wide financial statements, capital assets are increased by new purchases that meet the District's threshold for capitalization, and are owned and maintained by the District. All other capital asset purchases are expensed in the Statement of Activities. 1,386,206

Governmental funds report principal payments on long-term debt as expenditures. However, in the government-wide financial statements, principal payments decrease long-term liabilities and the Statement of Activities is not affected. 1,690,289

Governmental funds report interest payments on long-term debt as expenditures in the year paid. However, in the government-wide financial statements, interest is accrued on the long-term debt through fiscal year-end. 16,205

Change in Net Position - Governmental Activities \$ 2,845,130

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

HARRIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 46
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2023

NOTE 1. CREATION OF DISTRICT

Harris County Rural Fire Prevention District No. 46 (the “District”) was created by the Commissioners’ Court of the County of Harris on January 23, 2001, in accordance with Article III, Section 48-d, of the Texas Constitution. This action was taken by the Commissioners as a result of voter approval by residents of the District on January 20, 2001. Effective September 1, 2003, Texas Legislature Senate Bill 1021 converted all rural fire prevention districts to emergency services districts and mandated a name change to Harris County Emergency Services District No. 46 (the “District”). The District operates under Chapter 775 of the Health and Safety Code. The District was established to provide operating funds for the contracting of fire prevention and emergency medical services within the boundaries of the District.

NOTE 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as promulgated by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (“GASB”).

The District is a political subdivision of the State of Texas governed by an elected board. GASB has established the criteria for determining whether an entity is a primary government or a component unit of a primary government. The primary criteria are that it has a separately elected governing body, it is legally separate, and it is fiscally independent of other state and local governments. Under these criteria, the District is considered a primary government and is not a component unit of any other government. Additionally, no other entities meet the criteria for inclusion in the District’s financial statement as component units.

Financial Statement Presentation

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with GASB Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards Part II, Financial Reporting (“GASB Codification”).

GASB Codification sets forth standards for external financial reporting for all state and local government entities, which include a requirement for a Statement of Net Position and a Statement of Activities. It requires the classification of net position into three components: Net Investment in Capital Assets; Restricted; and Unrestricted. These classifications are defined as follows:

- Net Investment in Capital Assets – This component of net position consists of capital assets, including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvements of those assets.

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Financial Statement Presentation (Continued)

- Restricted Net Position – This component of net position consists of external constraints placed on the use of assets imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulation of other governments or constraints imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- Unrestricted Net Position – This component of net position consists of assets that do not meet the definition of Restricted or Net Investment in Capital Assets.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, generally it is the District's policy to use restricted resources first.

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities display information about the District as a whole. The District's Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities are combined with the governmental fund financial statements. The District is viewed as a special-purpose government and has the option of combining these financial statements.

The Statement of Net Position is reported by adjusting the governmental fund types to report on the full accrual basis, economic resource basis, which recognizes all long-term assets and receivables as well as long-term debt and obligations. Any amounts recorded due to and due from other funds are eliminated in the Statement of Net Position.

The Statement of Activities is reported by adjusting the governmental fund types to report only items related to current year revenues and expenditures. Items such as capital outlay are allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. Internal activities between governmental funds, if any, are eliminated by adjustment to obtain net total revenues and expenses in the government-wide Statement of Activities.

Fund Financial Statements

As discussed above, the District's fund financial statements are combined with the government-wide financial statements. The fund financial statements include a Governmental Funds Balance Sheet and a Governmental Fund Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance.

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NOTE 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Fund Financial Statements (Continued)

Governmental Funds

The District has one governmental fund; therefore, this fund is a major fund.

General Fund - To account for resources not required to be accounted for in another fund, property tax revenues, sales tax receipts, EMS collections, costs of assessing and collecting taxes and general expenditures.

Basis of Accounting

The District uses the modified accrual basis of accounting for governmental fund types. The modified accrual basis of accounting recognizes revenues when both “measurable and available.” Measurable means the amount can be determined. Available means collectable within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay current liabilities. The District considers revenues reported in governmental funds to be available if they are collectable within 60 days after year-end. Also, under the modified accrual basis of accounting, expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for principal and interest on long-term debt, which are recognized as expenditures when payment is due.

Property taxes considered available by the District and recorded as revenue include the 2022 tax levy collections during the period October 1, 2022, to December 31, 2023 and taxes collected from January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023, for all prior tax levies. The 2023 tax levy has been fully deferred to meet the District’s planned expenditures in the 2024 fiscal year.

Capital Assets and Right-of-Use Assets

Capital assets, which include land, buildings and equipment, are reported in the government-wide Statement of Net Position. All capital assets are valued at historical cost or estimated historical cost if actual historical cost is not available. Donated assets are valued at their fair market value on the date donated. Repairs and maintenance are recorded as an expenditure in the governmental fund incurred and as an expense in the government-wide Statement of Activities. Capital asset additions, improvements and preservation costs that extend the life of an asset are capitalized and depreciated over the estimated useful life of the asset after completion.

All personal tangible assets (computers, office machines, office furniture, etc.) are capitalized if they have a total cost of \$500 or more (including installation costs and professional fees) and a useful life of at least two years or more. All other capital assets are capitalized if they have a total cost of \$5,000 or more (including installation costs and professional fees) and a useful life of two years or more. Depreciation is calculated on each class of depreciable property using no salvage value and the straight-line method of depreciation. Estimated useful lives are as follows:

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Capital Assets and Right-of-Use Assets (Continued)

	Years
Buildings	40
Vehicles	5-10
Fire and Rescue Equipment	2-15
Office Equipment	2-5
Communications Equipment	10

In accordance with GASB Statement No. 87, at December 31, 2023, the District recorded two vehicles as right-to-use assets (see Note 7). The right-to-use assets are being amortized over the estimated useful life using the straight-line method of amortization.

Budgeting

An annual unappropriated budget is adopted for the General Fund by the District’s Board of Commissioners. The budget is prepared using the same method of accounting as for financial reporting. The original General Fund budget for the current year was not amended. The Budget Comparison Schedule – General Fund – presents the original and revised budget amounts compared to the actual amounts of revenues and expenditures for the current year.

Pensions

The District makes payments into the social security system for the employees. See Note 10 and Note 12 for the District’s pension plans. The Internal Revenue Service has determined that fees of office received by Commissioners are wages subject to federal income tax withholding for payroll tax purposes only.

Measurement Focus

Measurement focus is a term used to describe which transactions are recognized within the various financial statements. In the government-wide Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities, the governmental activities are presented using the economic resources measurement focus. The accounting objectives of this measurement focus are the determination of operating income, changes in net position, financial position, and cash flows. All assets, liabilities and deferred inflows and outflows of resources associated with the activities are reported. Fund equity is classified as net position.

Governmental fund types are accounted for on a spending or financial flow measurement focus. Accordingly, only current assets and current liabilities are included on the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet, and the reported fund balances provide an indication of available spendable or appropriable resources. Operating statements of governmental fund types report increases and decreases in available spendable resources. Fund balances in governmental funds are classified using the following hierarchy:

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NOTE 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Nonspendable: amounts that cannot be spent either because they are in nonspendable form or because they are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

Restricted: amounts that can be spent only for specific purposes because of constitutional provisions, or enabling legislation, or because of constraints that are imposed externally. The District does not have any restricted fund balances.

Committed: amounts that can be spent only for purposes determined by a formal action of the Board of Commissioners. The Board is the highest level of decision-making authority for the District. This action must be made no later than the end of the fiscal year. Commitments may be established, modified, or rescinded only through ordinances or resolutions approved by the Board. The District does not have any committed fund balances.

Assigned: amounts that do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed, but that are intended to be used for specific purposes. The District has not adopted a formal policy regarding the assignment of fund balances. The District has assigned \$861,800 of its fund balance to offset a 2024 budget deficit.

Unassigned: all other spendable amounts in the General Fund.

When expenditures are incurred for which restricted, committed, assigned or unassigned fund balances are available, the District considers amounts to have been spent first out of restricted funds, then committed funds, then assigned funds, and finally unassigned funds.

Accounting Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenditures during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

NOTE 3. TAX LEVY

At an election held May 6, 2017, the voters of the District approved increasing the maximum tax rate from \$0.08 to \$0.10 per \$100 of assessed valuation of property within the District. During the year ended December 31, 2023, the District levied an ad valorem tax at the rate of \$0.10 per \$100 of assessed valuation, which resulted in a tax levy of \$8,927,954 on the adjusted taxable valuation of \$8,927,954,070 for the 2023 tax year.

All property values and exempt status, if any, are determined by the appraisal district. Assessed values are determined as of January 1 of each year, at which time a tax lien attaches to the related property. Taxes are levied around October/November, are due upon receipt and are delinquent the following February 1. Penalty and interest attach thereafter.

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NOTE 4. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

Deposits

Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, a government will not be able to recover deposits or will not be able to recover collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The District’s deposit policy for custodial credit risk requires compliance with the provisions of Texas statutes.

Texas statutes require that any cash balance in any fund shall, to the extent not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or its successor, be continuously secured by a valid pledge to the District of securities eligible under the laws of Texas to secure the funds of the District, having an aggregate market value, including accrued interest, at all times equal to the uninsured cash balance in the fund to which such securities are pledged. At fiscal year-end, the carrying amount of the District’s deposits was \$1,884,273 and the bank balance was \$2,173,743. The District was exposed to custodial credit risk in the amount of \$1,045,134 at year-end. This exposure was alleviated on January 2, 2024.

The carrying values of the deposits are included in the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet and the Statement of Net Position at December 31, 2023, as listed below:

	<u>Cash</u>
Unrestricted	<u>\$ 1,884,273</u>

Investments

Under Texas law, the District is required to invest its funds under written investment policies that primarily emphasize safety of principal and liquidity and that address investment diversification, yield, maturity, and the quality and capability of investment management, and all District funds must be invested in accordance with the following investment objectives: understanding the suitability of the investment to the District’s financial requirements, first; preservation and safety of principal, second; liquidity, third; marketability of the investments if the need arises to liquidate the investment before maturity, fourth; diversification of the investment portfolio, fifth; and yield, sixth. The District’s investments must be made “with judgment and care, under prevailing circumstances, that a person of prudence, discretion, and intelligence would exercise in the management of the person’s own affairs, not for speculation, but for investment, considering the probable safety of capital and the probable income to be derived.” No person may invest District funds without express written authority from the Board of Commissioners.

Texas statutes include specifications for and limitations applicable to the District and its authority to purchase investments as defined in the Public Funds Investment Act. The District has adopted a written investment policy to establish the guidelines by which it may invest. This policy is reviewed annually. The District’s investment policy may be more restrictive than the Public Funds Investment Act.

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NOTE 4. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

Investments (Continued)

The District invests in TexPool, an external investment pool that is not SEC-registered. The State Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas has oversight of the pool. Federated Hermes, Inc. manages the daily operations of the pool under a contract with the Comptroller. TexPool measures its portfolio assets at amortized cost. As a result, the District also measures its investments in TexPool at amortized cost for financial reporting purposes. There are no limitations or restrictions on withdrawals from TexPool.

The District invests in Texas Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System Trust (“Texas CLASS”), an external public funds investment pool that is not SEC-registered. Public Trust Advisors, LLC serves as the pool’s administrator and investment advisor. The pool is subject to the general supervision of the Board of Trustees and its Advisory Board. UMB Bank, N.A. serves as custodian for the pool. Investments held by Texas CLASS are priced to market on a weekly basis. The investments are considered Level I investments because their fair value is measured by quoted prices in active markets. The fair value of the District’s position in the pool is the same as the value of the pool shares. There are no limitations or restrictions on withdrawals from Texas CLASS.

As of December 31, 2023, the District had the following investment and maturities.

Fund and Investment Type	Fair Value	Maturities of Less Than 1 Year
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>		
TexPool	\$ 5,824,502	\$ 5,824,502
Texas CLASS	4,811,201	4,811,201
TOTAL INVESTMENTS	\$ 10,635,703	\$ 10,635,703

Credit risk is the risk that the issuer or other counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligations. At December 31, 2023, the District’s investments in TexPool and Texas CLASS were rated “AAAm” by Standard and Poor’s.

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. The District considers the investments in TexPool and Texas CLASS to have a maturity of less than one year due to the fact the share position can usually be redeemed each day at the discretion of the District, unless there has been a significant change in value.

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NOTE 5. CAPITAL ASSETS

The following is a summary of changes in capital assets for the year ended December 31, 2023:

	January 1, 2023	Increases	Decreases	December 31, 2023
Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated				
Land and Land Improvements	\$ 1,845,746	\$	\$	\$ 1,845,746
Construction in Progress	6,663,927	1,311,923	800,676	7,175,174
Total Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated	\$ 8,509,673	\$ 1,311,923	\$ 800,676	\$ 9,020,920
Capital Assets Subject to Depreciation				
Buildings	\$ 10,831,187	\$ 630,035	\$	\$ 11,461,222
Vehicles	5,282,188	20,125		5,302,313
Fire and Rescue Equipment	817,606	83,392		900,998
Office Equipment	422,802	67,124		489,926
Communications Equipment	1,499,934			1,499,934
Total Capital Assets Subject to Depreciation	\$ 18,853,717	\$ 800,676	\$ - 0 -	\$ 19,654,393
Less Accumulated Depreciation				
Buildings	\$ 3,111,386	\$ 376,846	\$	\$ 3,488,232
Vehicles	4,122,303	403,051		4,525,354
Fire and Rescue Equipment	654,090	63,435		717,525
Office Equipment	421,478	4,936		426,414
Communications Equipment	1,097,470	84,471		1,181,941
Total Accumulated Depreciation	\$ 9,406,727	\$ 932,739	\$ - 0 -	\$ 10,339,466
Total Depreciable Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation	\$ 9,446,990	\$ (132,063)	\$ - 0 -	\$ 9,314,927
Total Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation	\$ 17,956,663	\$ 1,179,860	\$ 800,676	\$ 18,335,847

NOTE 6. NOTES PAYABLE

On January 15, 2013, the District entered into a \$1,770,200 construction loan agreement with Trustmark National Bank to fund the construction of the headquarters and administration building. Interest only was due January 1, 2014. Annual installments of \$199,995.43 are due each January 1, beginning January 1, 2015, and ending January 25, 2024. The interest rate is 2.25%.

On September 15, 2014, the District entered into a \$5,000,000 construction loan agreement with Government Capital Corporation to fund the rebuilding of Station No. 1. Annual installments of \$585,296.90 are due each October 15, beginning October 1, 2015, and ending October 15, 2024. The interest rate is 2.984%. The note is secured by the pledge of net sales and use tax revenues.

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NOTE 6. NOTES PAYABLE (Continued)

On January 20, 2020, the District entered into a \$1,880,000 loan agreement with Trustmark National Bank to fund the purchase of a building and adjacent property for a future maintenance facility. Semi-annual installments of \$105,434.36 are due each January 10 and July 10, beginning July 10, 2020, and ending December 2, 2029. The interest rate is 2.17%.

On October 1, 2021, the District entered into a \$6,900,000 loan agreement with Government Capital Corporation to fund the construction of a fire station. Annual installments of \$535,390 are due each October 1, beginning October 1, 2022, and ending October 1, 2036. The interest rate is 1.96%.

The following is a summary of transactions regarding notes payable for the year ended December 31, 2023:

Notes Payable, January 1, 2023	\$	9,454,247
Less: Note Principal Paid		<u>1,331,151</u>
Notes Payable, December 31, 2023	\$	<u><u>8,123,096</u></u>
Notes Payable:		
Due Within One Year	\$	1,360,563
Due After One Year		<u>6,762,533</u>
Notes Payable, December 31, 2023	\$	<u><u>8,123,096</u></u>

As of December 31, 2023, the debt service requirements on the notes payable were as follows:

Fiscal Year	Principal	Interest	Total
2024	\$ 1,360,563	\$ 167,251	\$ 1,527,814
2025	612,122	134,136	746,258
2026	624,594	121,665	746,259
2027	637,322	108,937	746,259
2028	650,283	95,975	746,258
2029-2033	2,693,006	300,053	2,993,059
2034-2036	<u>1,545,206</u>	<u>60,964</u>	<u>1,606,170</u>
	<u><u>\$ 8,123,096</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 988,981</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 9,112,077</u></u>

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NOTE 7. EQUIPMENT LEASE PAYABLE

On October 15, 2020, the District entered into a \$693,071 Master Equipment Lease Purchase Agreement with Community First National Bank to fund the purchase of a two ambulances with related equipment. Assets under this lease total \$693,071 at December 31, 2023. Accumulated amortization through December 31, 2023, totaled \$222,542. Annual installments of \$147,324.34 are due each April 1, beginning April 1, 2021, and ending April 1, 2025.

On June 21, 2021, the District entered into a \$1,605,451 Master Tax Exempt Lease Purchase Agreement with U.S. Bank Equipment Finance to fund the purchase of a two firetrucks. Semi-annual installments of \$121,648.56 are due each January 15 and July 15, beginning January 15, 2022, and ending July 15, 2028. As of December 31, 2023, these trucks had not been placed in service.

In accordance with the requirements of GASB Statement No. 87, the District reclassified the two remaining lease related capital assets above to right-of-use assets. Right-of-use assets, current year amortization expense, and accumulated amortization is summarized below:

	January 1, 2023	Increases	Decreases	December 31, 2023
Righ-of-Use Assets Not Being Depreciated				
Construction in Progress	\$ 1,626,663	\$ 74,283	\$ - 0 -	\$ 1,700,946
Right-of-Use Asset Subject to Amortization				
Vehicles	\$ 693,071	\$ - 0 -	\$ - 0 -	\$ 693,071
Less Accumulated Amortization				
Vehicles	\$ 153,235	\$ 69,307	\$ - 0 -	\$ 222,542
Total Amortizable Right-of-Use Assets, Net of Accumulated Amortization	<u>\$ 539,836</u>	<u>\$ (69,307)</u>	<u>\$ - 0 -</u>	<u>\$ 470,529</u>
Total Right-of-Use Asset, Net of Accumulated Amortization	<u>\$ 2,166,499</u>	<u>\$ 4,976</u>	<u>\$ - 0 -</u>	<u>\$ 2,171,475</u>

The following is a summary of transactions regarding the lease payable for the year ended December 31, 2023:

Lease Payable, January 1, 2023	\$ 1,808,695
Less: Lease Principal Paid	<u>359,138</u>
Lease Payable, December 31, 2023	<u>\$ 1,449,557</u>
Lease Payable:	
Due Within One Year	\$ 366,085
Due After One Year	<u>1,083,472</u>
Lease Payable, December 31, 2023	<u>\$ 1,449,557</u>

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NOTE 7. EQUIPMENT LEASE PAYABLE (Continued)

The following is a schedule of future minimum lease payments under the lease as of December 31, 2023.

Fiscal Year	Principal	Interest	Total
2024	\$ 366,085	\$ 24,536	\$ 390,621
2025	373,173	17,448	390,621
2026	233,083	10,214	243,297
2027	236,746	6,551	243,297
2028	240,470	2,827	243,297
	<u>\$ 1,449,557</u>	<u>\$ 61,576</u>	<u>\$ 1,511,133</u>

NOTE 8. RISK MANAGEMENT

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; and error and omissions for which the District carries commercial insurance. There have been no significant reductions in coverage from the prior year and settlements have not exceeded coverage in the past three years.

NOTE 9. SALES AND USE TAX

In accordance with Chapter 775 of the Health and Safety Code, the District is authorized to adopt and impose a sale and use tax if authorized by a majority of the qualified voters of the District. The election to adopt sales and use tax is governed by the provisions of Subchapter E, Chapter 323 of the Tax Code.

On May 14, 2011, the voters of the District approved the establishment and adoption of a sales and use tax of up to a maximum of one percent. On May 23, 2011, the Board set a local sales and use tax of one percent on all applicable sales and uses within the boundaries of the District, excluding any territory in the District where sales and use tax is currently two percent, effective September 1, 2011. During the current year, the District recorded \$5,463,596 in sales tax receipts, of which \$1,010,681 was due from the State Comptroller at December 31, 2023.

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NOTE 10. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN

Plan Description

The District provides retirement, disability, and death benefits for all its full-time employees through a non-traditional defined benefit pension plan in the statewide Texas County and District Retirement System (TCDRS). The Board of Trustees of TCDRS is responsible for the administration of the statewide agent multiple-employer public employee retirement system consisting of more than 850 non-traditional defined benefit pension plans. TCDRS in the aggregate issues a annual comprehensive financial report (ACFR) on a calendar year basis. The ACFR is available on the TCDRS website (www.tcdrs.org).

Benefits Provided

Benefit provisions are adopted by the District, within the options available in the Texas state statutes governing TCDRS (TCDRS Act). Members can retire at ages 60 and above with 8 or more years of service, with 20 years of service regardless of age, or when the sum of their age and years of service equals 75 or more. Members are vested after 8 years of service but must leave their accumulated contributions in the plan to receive any employer-financed benefit. Members who withdraw their personal contributions in a lump sum are not entitled to any amounts contributed by the District.

Benefit amounts are determined by the sum of the employee’s deposits to the plan, with interest, and employer-financed monetary credits. The level of these monetary credits is adopted by the District within the actuarial constraints imposed by the TCDRS Act so that the resulting benefits can be expected to be adequately financed by the employer’s commitment to contribute. At retirement, death, or disability, the benefit is calculated by converting the sum of the employee’s accumulated deposits and the employer-financed monetary credits to a monthly annuity using annuity purchase rates prescribed by the TCDRS Act.

At the December 31, 2022, valuation and measurement date, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

Inactive employees or beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	-0-
Inactive employees entitled but not yet receiving benefits	68
Active employees	90

Contributions

The plan is funded by monthly contributions from both employee members and the employer based on the covered payroll of employee members. Under the TCDRS Act, the contribution rate of the employer is actuarially determined annually. The employer contributed using the

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NOTE 10. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN (Continued)

Contributions (Continued)

actuarially determined rate of 7.41% for the months of the 2023 accounting year. The deposit rate payable by the employee members for calendar year 2023 is 6.00% as adopted by the governing body of the District. The employee deposit rate and the employer contribution rate may be changed by the governing body of the District within the options available in the TCDRS Act.

For the District's accounting year ended December 31, 2023, the annual pension cost for the TCDRS plan for its employees was \$499,458; the actual contributions were \$499,458. The employees contributed \$404,419 to the plan for the 2023 fiscal year.

Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability in the December 31, 2022 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumption:

Actuarial valuation date	12/31/22
Actuarial cost method	Entry Age
Amortization method	Level percentage of payroll, closed
Remaining Amortization period	18.7 years
Asset Valuation Method	5-year smoothed market
Actuarial Assumptions:	
Investment return ¹	7.50%
Projected salary increases ¹	4.70%
Inflation	2.50%
Cost-of-living adjustments	0.00%

¹ Includes inflation at the stated rate

The demographic assumptions were developed from an actuarial experience investigation of TCDRS over the years 2017-2020. They were recommended by Milliman and adopted by the TCDRS Board of Trustees in December of 2021. All economic assumptions were recommended by Milliman and adopted by the TCDRS Board of Trustees in March of 2021. These assumptions, except where required to be different by GASB 68, are used to determine the total pension liability as of December 31, 2022. The assumptions are reviewed annually for continued compliance with the relevant actuarial standards of practice.

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NOTE 10. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN (Continued)

Actuarial Assumptions (Continued)

Mortality rates were based on the following:

Depositing members – 135% of the PUB-2010 General Employees Amount-Weighted Mortality Table for males and 120% of the PUB-2010 General Employees Amount-Weighted Mortality Table for females with 100% of the MP-2021 Ultimate Scale after 2010.

Service retirees, beneficiaries and non-depositing members – 135% of the PUB-2010 General Retirees Amount-Weighted Mortality Table for males and 120% of the PUB-2010 General Retirees Amount-Weighted Mortality Table for females, both projected with 100% of the MP-2021 Ultimate scale after 2010.

Disabled retirees – 160% of the PUB-2010 General Disabled Retirees Amount-Weighted Mortality Table for males and 125% of the PUB-2010 General Disabled Retirees Amount-Weighted Mortality Table for females, both projected with 100% of the MP-2021 Ultimate Scale after 2010.

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.6%. The discount rate used in the previous year was 7.6%.

In order to determine the discount rate to be used, the actuary used an alternative method to determine the sufficiency of the fiduciary net position in all future years. This alternative method reflects the funding requirements under the funding policy and the legal requirements under the TCDRS Act:

- 1) TCDRS has a funding policy where the Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (UAAL) shall be amortized as a level percent of pay over 20-year closed layered periods.
- 2) Under the TCDRS Act, the employer is legally required to make the contribution specified in the funding policy.
- 3) The employer's assets are projected to exceed its accrued liabilities in 20 years or less. When this point is reached, the employer is still required to contribute at least the normal cost.
- 4) Any increased cost due to the adoption of a cost-of-living adjustment is required to be funded over a period of 15 years, if applicable.

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NOTE 10. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN (Continued)

Discount Rate (Continued)

Based on the above, the projected fiduciary net position is determined to be sufficient compared to projected benefit payments. Based on the expected level of cash flows and investment returns to the system, the fiduciary net position as a percentage of total pension liability is projected to increase from its current level in future years.

Since the projected fiduciary net position is projected to be sufficient to pay projected benefit payments in all future years, the discount rate for purposes of calculating the total pension liability and net pension liability is equal to the long-term assumed rate of return on investments. This long-term assumed rate of return should be net of investment expenses, but gross of administrative expenses. Therefore, the actuary has used a discount rate of 7.60%. This rate reflects the long-term assumed rate of return on assets for funding purposes of 7.50%, net of all expenses, increased by 0.10% to be gross of administrative expenses.

The long-term expected rate of return on TCDRS assets is determined by adding expected inflation to expected long-term real returns and reflecting expected volatility and correlation. The capital market assumptions and information shown below are provided by TCDRS' investment consultant, Cliffwater LLC. The numbers shown are based on January 2023 information for a 10-year time horizon.

Note that the valuation assumption for long-term expected return is re-assessed at a minimum of every four years and is based on a long-term time horizon. The TCDRS Board of Trustees adopted the current assumption at their March 2021 meeting. The assumption for the long-term expected return is reviewed annually for continued compliance with the relevant actuarial standards of practice. Milliman relies on the expertise of Cliffwater in this assessment.

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DECEMBER 31, 2023

NOTE 10. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN (Continued)

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Geometric Real Rate of Return (Expected minus Inflation)
US Equities	11.50%	4.95%
Global Equities	2.50%	4.95%
International Equities-Development	5.00%	4.95%
International Equities-Emerging	6.00%	4.95%
Investment-Grade Bonds	3.00%	2.40%
Strategic Credit	9.00%	3.39%
Direct Lending	16.00%	6.95%
Distressed Debt	4.00%	7.60%
REIT Equities	2.00%	4.15%
Master Limited Partnerships (MLPs)	2.00%	5.30%
Private Real Estate Partnerships	6.00%	5.70%
Private Equity	25.00%	7.95%
Hedge Funds	6.00%	2.90%
Cash Equivalents	2.00%	0.20%

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NOTE 10. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN (Continued)

Changes in Net Pension Liability/(Asset) for the measurement year ended December 31, 2022 are as follows:

	Increase (Decrease)		
	Total Pension Liability	Plan Fiduciary Net Position	Net Pension Liability/(Asset)
	(a)	(b)	(a)-(b)
Balances of December 31, 2021	\$ 3,219,116	\$ 3,426,140	\$ (207,024)
Changes for the year:			
Service Costs	722,846		722,846
Interest on total pension liability	297,392		297,392
Effect of economic/demographic gains or losses	119,448		119,448
Refund of contributions	(58,904)	(58,904)	
Administrative Expense		(2,460)	2,460
Member contributions		382,603	(382,603)
Net investment income		(279,445)	279,445
Employer contributions		597,976	(597,976)
Other		132,628	(132,628)
Balances of December 31, 2022	<u>\$ 4,299,898</u>	<u>\$ 4,198,538</u>	<u>\$ 101,360</u>

Sensitivity Analysis - The following presents the net pension liability/(asset) of the District, calculated using the discount rate of 7.60%, as well as what the District net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage point lower (6.60%) or 1 percentage point higher (8.60%) than the current rate.

	1% Decrease	Current Discount Rate	1% Increase
	6.60%	7.60%	8.60%
Total Pension Liability	\$ 5,274,932	\$ 4,299,898	\$ 3,527,959
Fiduciary Net Position	<u>4,198,538</u>	<u>4,198,538</u>	<u>4,198,538</u>
Net Pension Liability/(Asset)	<u>\$ 1,076,394</u>	<u>\$ 101,360</u>	<u>\$ (670,579)</u>

As of December 31, 2023, the deferred inflows and outflows of resources are as follows:

HARRIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 46
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2023

NOTE 10. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN (Continued)

	Deferred Inflows of Resources	Deferred Outflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 166,068	\$ 240,466
Changes in assumptions	1,324	159,324
Net difference between projected and actual earnings		232,231
Contributions paid to TCDRS subsequent to the measurement date		499,458
	\$ 167,392	\$ 1,131,479

\$499,458 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability for the measurement year ending December 31, 2023 (i.e. recognized in the District’s financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2023). Other amounts reported as deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year ended December 31:	
2023	\$ 50,184
2024	59,123
2025	60,817
2026	133,715
2027	17,902
Thereafter	142,888

NOTE 11. GROUP TERM LIFE FUND

The District participates in a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined-benefit group-term life insurance plan operated by the Texas County & District Retirement System (TCDRS). This plan is referred to as the Group Term Life Fund (GTLF). This optional plan provides group term life insurance coverage to current eligible employees and, if elected by employers, to retired employees.

The GTLF is a separate trust administered by the TCDRS board of trustees. TCDRS issues a publicly available annual comprehensive financial report (ACFR) that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the GTLF. This report is available at www.tcdrs.org.

Funding Policy: Each participating employer contributes to the GTLF at a contractually required rate. An annual actuarial valuation is performed and the contractual rate is determined using the unit credit method for providing one-year term life insurance. The rate of 0.06% was used for the months of the 2023 calendar year. The District’s contribution to the GTLF for the year ending December 31, 2023 was \$4,044 which equaled the contractually required contribution.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2023

NOTE 12. PENSION PLAN (TESRS)

On July 1, 2017, the District signed agreements with the Atascocita Volunteer Fire Department (the “Provider”) as a non-employer contributing entity to the Provider’s pension plan. The Provider provides retirement for their participating members through a non-traditional defined benefit pension plan in the statewide Texas Emergency Services Retirement System. (TESRS). The State of Texas is responsible for the administration of the statewide cost-sharing multiple-employer public employee retirement system.

As of August 31, 2022, there were 239 contributing fire or emergency departments, which is the most recent valuation report available. TESRS in the aggregate issues an audited annual financial report (AAFR) on a fiscal year basis. The AAFR is available upon written request from the TESRS Board of Trustees at 208 East 10th Street, Suite 309, Austin, TX 78701 or at www.tesrs.org.

Plan Description

Upon reaching age 55, each vested member may retire and receive a monthly pension equal to his vested percent multiplied by six times the governing body’s average monthly contribution over the member’s years of qualified service. For years of service in excess of 15 years, this monthly benefit is increased at the rate of 6.2% compounded annually. There is no provision for automatic postretirement benefit increases. Members are 50% vested after the 10th year of service, with the vesting percent increasing 10% for each of the next five years of service so that a member becomes 100% vested with 15 years of service.

At December 31, 2023, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

Inactive employees or beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	8
Inactive employees entitled but not yet receiving benefits	6
Active employees	35

Funding Policy

The plan provisions are adopted by the governing body of the participating departments. No contributions are required from the individuals who are members of the system, nor are they allowed. The governing bodies of each participating department are required to make contributions of at least \$36 per member for each month a member performs emergency services for a department. This is referred to as a Part One contribution, which is the legacy portion of the system contribution that directly impacts future retiree annuities.

The State of Texas is required to contribute an amount necessary to make the TESRS system “actuarially sound” each year, which may not exceed one-third of all contributions made by participating governing bodies in a particular year.

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NOTE 12. PENSION PLAN (TESRS) (Continued)

Funding Policy (Continued)

The TESRS board rule defining contributions was amended effective July 27, 2014 to add the potential for actuarially determined Part Two contributions that would be required only if the expected future annual contributions from the state are not enough with the Part One contributions to provide an adequate contribution arrangement as determined by the most recent actuarial valuation. This Part Two portion, which is actuarially determined as a percent of the Part One portion (not to exceed 15%), is to be actuarially adjusted near the end of each even-numbered calendar year based on the most recent actuarial valuation. Based on the most recent actuarial valuation as of August 31, 2022, the Part Two contributions are not required for an adequate contribution arrangement.

Additional contributions may be made by governing bodies within two years of joining the system, to grant up to ten years of credit for service per member. Prior service purchased must have occurred before the department began participation in the System.

Pension Expense and Net Pension Liability

For the District's accounting year ending December 31, 2023, the amount of expense recognized by the District for the TESRS plan for provider members was \$31,200. The District's proportionate share of the collective net pension liability was \$291,314 and the District's proportion of the collective pension liability was 0.710% as of the measurement date of August 31, 2022, which is the date of the most recent TESRS Report on Pension Information, a decrease of 0.146% from the prior year. The District has made \$31,200 in contributions on behalf of Provider members as of December 31, 2023. The District has recognized \$166,271 of deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources of \$1,465.

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REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

DECEMBER 31, 2023

HARRIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 46
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	Original and Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
REVENUES			
Property Taxes	\$ 7,900,000	\$ 7,895,465	\$ (4,535)
Sales Tax Receipts	5,000,000	5,463,596	463,596
EMS Collections	2,000,000	2,447,852	447,852
Penalty and Interest		85,599	85,599
Investment Revenues	15,000	633,684	618,684
Sale of Assets		1,930	1,930
State Deployment Reimbursement	30,000	4,291	(25,709)
Miscellaneous Revenues	94,900	157,951	63,051
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 15,039,900	\$ 16,690,368	\$ 1,650,468
EXPENDITURES			
Services Operations:			
Administration	\$ 22,000	\$ 15,337	\$ 6,663
Apparatus Repair and Maintenance	507,908	606,622	(98,714)
Accounting and Auditing	48,000	37,500	10,500
Appraisal District Fees	50,000	61,298	(11,298)
Collections	138,600	182,787	(44,187)
Commissioner Fees	9,000	10,500	(1,500)
Community/Public Outreach	18,000	14,173	3,827
Emergency Management	5,000	41,758	(36,758)
Emergency Medical Services	576,800	647,829	(71,029)
Fire and Rescue	363,182	343,427	19,755
General	423,435	361,175	62,260
Insurance	275,000	309,066	(34,066)
Legal Fees - General	114,180	91,569	22,611
Legal Fees - Delinquent Tax Collections		13,929	(13,929)
Property Maintenance	155,299	203,272	(47,973)
Salaries and Benefits	9,975,377	9,149,565	825,812
Station Services/Utilities	202,865	208,380	(5,515)
Tax Assessor/Collector Fees		38,364	(38,364)
Technology and Communications	440,795	564,991	(124,196)
Capital Outlay	448,542	1,415,179	(966,637)
Debt Service:			
Lease Principal and Interest	392,324	390,621	1,703
Note Principal and Interest	1,596,161	1,531,551	64,610
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 15,762,468	\$ 16,238,893	\$ (476,425)
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	\$ (722,568)	\$ 451,475	\$ 1,174,043
FUND BALANCE - JANUARY 1, 2023	10,971,052	10,971,052	
FUND BALANCE - DECEMBER 31, 2023	\$ 10,248,484	\$ 11,422,527	\$ 1,174,043

See accompanying independent auditor's report.

HARRIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 46
SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN NET PENSION LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS
TEXAS COUNTY & DISTRICT RETIREMENT SYSTEM
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	Year Ended December 31, 2022	Year Ended December 31, 2021	Year Ended December 31, 2020
Total Pension Liability			
Service Cost	\$ 722,846	\$ 704,720	\$ 546,032
Interest (on the Total Pension Liability)	297,392	218,982	151,554
Effect on plan changes		195,387	
Changes of assumptions		2,827	196,359
Effect of economic/demographic gains or losses	119,448	(66,241)	(17,158)
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	<u>(58,904)</u>	<u>(25,893)</u>	<u>(24,432)</u>
Net change in total pension liability	\$ 1,080,782	\$ 1,029,782	\$ 852,355
Total pension liability, beginning	<u>3,219,116</u>	<u>2,189,334</u>	<u>1,336,979</u>
Total pension liability, ending (a)	<u>\$ 4,299,898</u>	<u>\$ 3,219,116</u>	<u>\$ 2,189,334</u>
Plan Fiduciary Net Position			
Contributions - employer	\$ 597,976	\$ 372,004	\$ 328,351
Contributions - employee	382,603	329,471	292,725
Net investment income	(279,445)	555,803	147,550
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	(58,904)	(25,893)	(24,432)
Administrative Expense	(2,460)	(1,854)	(1,593)
Other	<u>132,628</u>	<u>19,739</u>	<u>17,796</u>
Net Change in plan fiduciary net position	\$ 772,398	\$ 1,249,270	\$ 760,397
Plan Fiduciary net position, beginning	<u>3,426,140</u>	<u>2,176,870</u>	<u>1,416,473</u>
Plan Fiduciary net position, ending (b)	<u>\$ 4,198,538</u>	<u>\$ 3,426,140</u>	<u>\$ 2,176,870</u>
Net Pension Liability/(Asset), Ending = (a) - (b)	<u>\$ 101,360</u>	<u>\$ (207,024)</u>	<u>\$ 12,464</u>
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	97.64%	106.43%	99.43%
Covered-employee payroll	\$ 6,376,722	\$ 5,491,187	\$ 4,878,754
Net pension liability as a percentage of covered employee payroll	1.59%	(3.77)%	0.26%

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Year Ended December 31, 2019	Year Ended December 31, 2018	Year Ended December 31, 2017	Year Ended December 31, 2016	Year Ended December 31, 2015
\$ 502,173	\$ 435,832	\$ 34,516	\$ 33,064	\$ 19,087
109,550	62,635	7,451	2,922	704
	66,804	58,391		(1,563)
		(1,823)		204
(103,610)	(31,801)	181,827	2,000	1,431
(42,046)		(769)		
\$ 466,067	\$ 533,470	\$ 279,593	\$ 37,986	\$ 19,863
870,912	337,442	57,849	19,863	
\$ 1,336,979	\$ 870,912	\$ 337,442	\$ 57,849	\$ 19,863
\$ 280,976	\$ 236,550	\$ 81,725	\$ 18,278	\$ 9,798
249,756	234,080	138,517	22,155	11,876
128,208	(333)	12,990	1,639	(184)
(42,046)		(769)		
(1,080)	(629)	(200)	(18)	(8)
16,929	14,051	2,940	1,273	(1)
\$ 632,743	\$ 483,719	\$ 235,203	\$ 43,327	\$ 21,481
783,730	300,011	64,808	21,481	
\$ 1,416,473	\$ 783,730	\$ 300,011	\$ 64,808	\$ 21,481
\$ (79,494)	\$ 87,182	\$ 37,431	\$ (6,959)	\$ (1,618)
105.95%	89.99%	88.91%	112.03%	108.15%
\$ 4,162,608	\$ 3,901,336	\$ 2,308,617	\$ 369,256	\$ 263,912
(1.91)%	2.23%	1.62%	(1.88)%	(0.61)%

See accompanying independent auditor's report.

HARRIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 46
SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS
TEXAS COUNTY & DISTRICT RETIREMENT SYSTEM
DECEMBER 31, 2023

Fiscal Year Ending December 31	Actuarially Determined Contribution ⁽¹⁾	Actual Employer Contribution ⁽¹⁾	Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	Pensionable Covered Payroll ⁽²⁾	Actual Contribution as a % of Covered Payroll
2015	\$ 9,798	\$ 9,798	\$ -0-	\$ 197,934	4.9%
2016	\$ 18,278	\$ 18,278	\$ -0-	\$ 369,256	4.9%
2017	\$ 81,725	\$ 81,725	\$ -0-	\$2,308,617	3.5%
2018	\$ 234,470	\$ 236,550	\$ (2,079)	\$3,901,336	6.1%
2019	\$ 280,976	\$ 280,976	\$ -0-	\$4,162,608	6.8%
2020	\$ 328,351	\$ 328,351	\$ -0-	\$4,878,754	6.7%
2021	\$ 357,476	\$ 372,004	\$ (14,528)	\$5,491,187	6.8%
2022	\$ 597,976	\$ 597,976	\$ -0-	\$6,376,722	9.4%
2023	\$ 499,458	\$ 499,458	\$ -0-	\$6,740,318	7.4%

⁽¹⁾ TCDRS calculates actuarially determined contributions on a calendar year basis. GASB Statement No. 68 indicates the employer should report employer contribution amounts on a fiscal year basis.

⁽²⁾ Payroll is calculated based on contributions as reported to TCDRS.

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HARRIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 46
NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

NOTE 1. NET PENSION LIABILITY - TEXAS COUNTY & DISTRICT RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Assumptions

The following methods and assumptions were used to determine contribution rates:

Valuation Date	Actuarially determined contribution rates are calculated each December 31, two years prior to the end of the fiscal year in which the contributions are reported.
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age
Amortization method	Level percentage of payroll, closed
Remaining amortization period	18.7 years (based on contribution rate calculated in 12/31/22 valuation)
Asset Valuation Method	5-year, smoothed market
Inflation	2.50%
Salary Increases	4.7%, average over career including inflation, varies by age and service
Investment Rate of Return	7.50%, net of investment expenses, including inflation
Retirement Age	Members who are eligible for service retirement are assumed to commence receiving benefit payments based on age. The average age at service retirement for recent retirees is 61.
Mortality	135% of the PUB-2010 General Retirees Table for males and 120% of the PUB-2010 General Retirees Table for females, both projected with 100% of the MP-2021 Ultimate scale after 2010.
Change in Assumptions and Methods Reflected in the Schedule of Employer Contributions*	2015: New Inflation, mortality and other assumptions were reflected. 2017: New mortality assumptions were reflected. 2019: New Inflation, mortality and other assumptions were reflected 2022: New investment return and inflation assumptions were reflected
Changes in Plan Provisions Reflected in the Schedule of Employer Contributions*	2015: No changes in plan provisions were reflected in the Schedule. 2016: No changes in plan provisions were reflected in the Schedule. 2017: New Annuity Purchase Rates were reflected for benefits earned after 2017. 2018: Employer contributions reflect that the current service matching rate was increased to 150% for future benefits. 2019, 2020, 2021: No changes in plan provisions were reflected in the Schedule. 2022: Employer contributions reflect that the current service matching rate was increased to 200% for future benefits.

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HARRIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 46
SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF NET
PENSION LIABILITY AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO TEXAS EMERGENCY
SERVICES RETIREMENT SYSTEM
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

Date of Actuarial Valuation	Nonemployer Contributing Entity's Proportionate Share of Collective Net Pension Liability					
	8/31/2023	8/31/2022	8/31/2021	8/31/2020	8/31/2019	8/31/2018
Harris County ESD No. 46	<u>0.710%</u>	<u>0.710%</u>	<u>0.856%</u>	<u>1.014%</u>	<u>1.210%</u>	<u>1.592%</u>
TESRS Net Pension Liability	\$ 41,030,076	\$ 41,030,076	\$ 10,714,152	\$ 25,210,882	\$ 28,345,563	\$ 21,650,451
proportionate share	\$ 291,314	\$ 291,314	\$ 91,713	\$ 255,638	\$ 342,981	\$ 344,675
	Nonemployer Contributing Entity's Contributions to TESRS					
Contributions	\$ 31,200	\$ 34,550	\$ 41,100	\$ 47,300	\$ 54,924	\$ 76,927

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HARRIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 46

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

REQUIRED BY HARRIS COUNTY

DECEMBER 31, 2023

HARRIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 46
COMPUTATION OF NET LONG-TERM DEBT PER CAPITA
DECEMBER 31, 2023
(UNAUDITED)

Long-Term Debt at December 31, 2023	\$ 9,572,653
Less: Amount in Debt Service Fund	<u>-0-</u>
Net Long-Term Debt at December 31, 2023	<u>\$ 9,572,653</u>
Estimated District Population	<u>80,000</u>
Net Long-Term Debt Per Capita at December 31, 2023	<u>\$ 119.66</u>

See accompanying independent auditor's report.

**HARRIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 46
LISTING OF THE NUMBER OF EMERGENCY
RESPONSES MADE WITHIN AND OUTSIDE THE DISTRICT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023
(UNAUDITED)**

Number of Emergency Responses made Within the District	5,958
Number of Emergency Responses made Outside of the District	<u>733</u>
Total Emergency Responses	<u><u>6,691</u></u>

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HARRIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 46
SCHEDULE OF INSURANCE AND BONDING COVERAGE
DECEMBER 31, 2023

Type of Coverage	From To	Amount of Coverage	Insurer/Name
PUBLIC EMPLOYEE BLANKET BOND Limit	01/01/23 01/01/24	\$ 100,000	National Union Fire Insurance Company
POSITION SCHEDULE BOND Limit - Treasurer	01/01/23 01/01/24	\$ 100,000	National Union Fire Insurance Company
GENERAL LIABILITY General Aggregate Per Occurrence	01/01/23 01/01/24	\$ 10,000,000 1,000,000	National Union Fire Insurance Company
MANAGEMENT LIABILITY General Aggregate Each Wrongful Act	01/01/23 01/01/24	\$ 10,000,000 1,000,000	National Union Fire Insurance Company
EXCESS LIABILITY General Aggregate Per Occurrence	01/01/23 01/01/24	\$ 4,000,000 2,000,000	National Union Fire Insurance Company
AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY Combined Single Limit	01/01/23 01/01/24	\$ 1,000,000	National Union Fire Insurance Company
PROPERTY COVERAGE Buildings Contents Deductible	01/01/23 01/01/24	\$ 18,899,177 1,565,497 5,000	National Union Fire Insurance Company
WORKERS COMPENSATION Bodily Injury by Accident Bodily Injury by Disease Disease Policy Limit	01/01/23 01/01/24	\$ 1,000,000 1,000,000 1,000,000	Bench Mark Insurance Company
PORTABLE EQUIPMENT Limit Deductible	01/01/23 01/01/24	Guaranteed Replacement Costs \$ 500	National Union Fire Insurance Company

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HARRIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 46

OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

DECEMBER 31, 2023

**HARRIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 46
TAXES LEVIED AND RECEIVABLE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

		Maintenance Taxes
TAXES RECEIVABLE - JANUARY 1, 2023	\$ 3,347,714	
Adjustments to Beginning Balance	(20,747)	\$ 3,326,967
Original 2023 Tax Levy	\$ 8,531,148	
Adjustment to 2023 Tax Levy	396,806	8,927,954
 TOTAL TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR		 \$ 12,254,921
 TAX COLLECTIONS:		
Prior Years	\$ 3,154,955	
Current Year	5,243,651	8,398,606
 TAXES RECEIVABLE - DECEMBER 31, 2023		 \$ 3,856,315
 TAXES RECEIVABLE BY YEAR:		
2023		\$ 3,684,303
2022		60,895
2021		27,390
2020		20,836
2019		16,117
2018		9,495
2017		8,832
2016		5,141
2015		4,331
2014		4,474
2013		3,551
2012		2,438
2011		1,809
2010		1,533
2009		1,541
2008		779
2007 and Prior		2,850
 TOTAL		 \$ 3,856,315

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HARRIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 46
TAXES LEVIED AND RECEIVABLE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
TOTAL PROPERTY VALUATIONS	<u>\$ 8,927,954,070</u>	<u>\$ 7,946,204,298</u>	<u>\$ 6,950,232,598</u>	<u>\$ 6,388,939,589</u>
TAX RATES PER \$100 VALUATION	<u>\$ 0.10</u>	<u>\$ 0.10</u>	<u>\$ 0.10</u>	<u>\$ 0.10</u>
ADJUSTED TAX LEVY*	<u>\$ 8,927,954</u>	<u>\$ 7,946,173</u>	<u>\$ 6,950,177</u>	<u>\$ 6,388,899</u>
PERCENTAGE OF TAXES COLLECTED TO TAXES LEVIED	<u>58.73 %</u>	<u>99.23 %</u>	<u>99.61 %</u>	<u>99.67 %</u>

* Based upon the adjusted tax levy at the time of the audit for the fiscal year in which the tax was levied.

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HARRIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 46
COMPARATIVE SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
GENERAL FUND – FIVE YEARS

	Amounts		
	2023	2022	2021
REVENUES			
Property Taxes	\$ 7,895,465	\$ 6,889,884	\$ 6,383,442
Sales Tax Receipts	5,463,596	5,241,498	4,941,246
EMS Collections	2,447,852	2,142,177	2,165,978
Penalty and Interest	85,599	36,912	50,554
Investment Revenues	633,684	189,211	6,469
Sale of Assets	1,930	87,475	97,755
State Deployment Reimbursement	4,291	4,791	245,255
Grants, FEMA and Miscellaneous Revenues	157,951	294,940	708,700
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 16,690,368	\$ 14,886,888	\$ 14,599,399
EXPENDITURES			
Service Operations:			
Administration	\$ 15,337	\$ 13,575	\$ 13,711
Apparatus Repair and Maintenance	606,622	565,461	470,452
Accounting and Auditing	37,500	31,500	27,500
Appraisal District Fees	61,298	51,801	47,153
Collections	182,787	150,150	153,545
Commissioner Fees	10,500	14,100	10,650
Community Outreach	14,173	8,699	5,797
Emergency Management	41,758	15,433	50,706
Emergency Medical Services	647,829	364,023	490,879
Fire and Rescue	343,427	285,076	394,798
General	361,175	362,222	368,278
Insurance	309,066	263,528	218,263
Legal Fees - General	91,569	78,420	72,866
Legal Fees - Delinquent Tax Collections	13,929	12,890	12,498
Property Maintenance	203,272	291,073	228,944
Salaries and Benefits	9,149,565	8,880,170	7,467,141
Station Services/Utilities	208,380	210,633	206,480
Tax Assessor/Collector Fees	38,364	35,588	53,515
Technology and Communications	564,991	428,918	377,715
Capital Outlay	1,415,179	5,332,048	3,388,158
Debt Service:			
Lease Principal and Interest	390,621	390,621	230,648
Note Principal and Interest	1,531,551	1,530,935	1,091,471
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 16,238,893	\$ 19,316,864	\$ 15,381,168
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	\$ 451,475	\$ (4,429,976)	\$ (781,769)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Capital Lease Proceeds	\$	\$	\$ 1,605,451
Note Proceeds			6,900,000
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	\$ - 0 -	\$ - 0 -	\$ 8,505,451
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	\$ 451,475	\$ (4,429,976)	\$ 7,723,682
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	10,971,052	15,401,028	7,677,346
ENDING FUND BALANCE	\$ 11,422,527	\$ 10,971,052	\$ 15,401,028

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		Percentage of Total Revenues				
2020	2019	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
\$ 5,947,016	\$ 5,491,814	47.4 %	46.3 %	43.8 %	47.8 %	47.8 %
4,108,891	3,442,436	32.7	35.2	33.8	33.1	30.0
1,860,569	1,947,477	14.7	14.4	14.8	15.0	17.0
43,768	51,313	0.5	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.4
39,714	133,621	3.8	1.3		0.3	1.2
22,393	27,571		0.6	0.7	0.2	0.2
59,799	7,182			1.7	0.5	0.1
<u>337,322</u>	<u>382,965</u>	<u>0.9</u>	<u>2.0</u>	<u>4.9</u>	<u>2.7</u>	<u>3.3</u>
\$ <u>12,419,472</u>	\$ <u>11,484,379</u>	<u>100.0 %</u>	<u>100.0 %</u>	<u>100.0 %</u>	<u>100.0 %</u>	<u>100.0 %</u>
\$ 11,874	\$ 19,780	0.1 %	0.1 %	0.1 %	0.1 %	0.2 %
463,799	359,014	3.6	3.8	3.2	3.7	3.1
28,300	36,238	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3
44,920	41,718	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4
137,402	132,633	1.1	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.2
15,600	5,400	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	
6,913	29,989	0.1	0.1		0.1	0.3
46,750	38,128	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.4	0.3
436,557	380,692	3.9	2.4	3.4	3.5	3.3
199,867	255,302	2.1	1.9	2.7	1.6	2.2
331,577	303,325	2.2	2.4	2.5	2.7	2.6
238,523	214,298	1.9	1.8	1.5	1.9	1.9
97,857	113,643	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.8	1.0
10,206	11,413	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
176,623	160,478	1.2	2.0	1.6	1.4	1.4
6,814,108	5,558,037	54.8	59.7	51.1	54.9	48.4
207,308	187,535	1.2	1.4	1.4	1.7	1.6
17,875	34,810	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.3
394,043	408,711	3.4	2.9	2.6	3.2	3.6
2,980,907	859,909	8.5	35.8	23.2	24.0	7.5
83,294	83,324	2.3	2.6	1.6	0.7	0.8
<u>986,116</u>	<u>880,682</u>	<u>9.2</u>	<u>10.3</u>	<u>7.5</u>	<u>7.9</u>	<u>7.7</u>
\$ <u>13,730,419</u>	\$ <u>10,115,059</u>	<u>97.4 %</u>	<u>129.7 %</u>	<u>105.4 %</u>	<u>110.6 %</u>	<u>88.2 %</u>
\$ (1,310,947)	\$ 1,369,320	<u>2.6 %</u>	<u>(29.7) %</u>	<u>(5.4) %</u>	<u>(10.6) %</u>	<u>11.8 %</u>
\$ 693,071	\$					
<u>1,880,000</u>	<u></u>					
\$ <u>2,573,071</u>	\$ <u>- 0 -</u>					
\$ 1,262,124	\$ 1,369,320					
<u>6,415,222</u>	<u>5,045,902</u>					
\$ <u><u>7,677,346</u></u>	\$ <u><u>6,415,222</u></u>					

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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND CONSULTANTS
DECEMBER 31, 2023

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Commissioners	Term of Office (Elected or Appointed)	Fees of Office for the year ended December 31, 2023	Expense Reimbursement for the year ended December 31, 2023	Title
Tom Truver	06/01/22 05/31/26 (Elected)	\$ 2,550	\$ -0-	President
Buddy Rice	06/01/22 05/31/26 (Elected)	\$ 2,100	\$ -0-	Vice President
Ron Clarke	03/01/22 05/31/24 (Appointed)	\$ 1,950	\$ -0-	Secretary
John Bollom	06/01/20 05/31/24 (Elected)	\$ 3,900	\$ -0-	Treasurer
James Cone	06/01/22 05/31/26 (Elected)	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	Assistant Secretary/ Treasurer

The limit on fees of office that a Commissioner may receive during a year was \$3,000 as set by the Health and Safety Code-Chapter 775. Effective September 1, 2017, a Commissioner is entitled to receive compensation in the same manner and amount as are provided by Section 49.060 of the Texas Water Code, currently \$7,200 per fiscal year. The above fees of office and expense reimbursements are the amounts paid to a Commissioner during the District's current fiscal year.

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Consultants:	<u>Date Hired</u>	<u>Fees for the year ended December 31, 2023*</u>	<u>Title</u>
Coveler & Peeler, P.C.	05/09/01	\$ 91,569	Attorney
McCall Gibson Swedlund Barfoot PLLC	05/02/02	\$ 30,000	Auditor
Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP	05/02/02	\$ 13,929	Delinquent Tax Attorney
Alberta Balderas	07/01/11	\$ 15,000	Sales Tax Consultant
Harris County Tax Assessor/Collector	Legislative Action	\$ 38,364	Tax Assessor/ Collector

* Accrual basis

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