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Board of Directors
DeSoto County Hospital District
Arcadia, Florida

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the financial statements of DeSoto County Hospital District (the District) as of and for the year ended September 30, 2023, and have issued our report thereon dated February 27, 2024.

Auditor's 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); and Chapter 10.550, *Rules of the Auditor General*.

Other Reporting Requirements

We have issued our Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of the Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*; Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program and Report on Internal Control over Compliance; Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs; and Independent Accountant's Report on an examination conducted in accordance with *AICPA Professional Standards*, AT-C Section 315, regarding compliance requirements in accordance with Chapter 10.550, *Rules of the Auditor General*. Disclosures in those reports and schedules, which are dated February 27, 2024, 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. Corrective actions have been taken to address findings and recommendations made in the preceding 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. Note 1 to the District's financial statements includes a description of the District and its component units.

Financial Condition and Management

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

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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 District'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. In connection with our audit, we determined that the District did not meet any of the conditions described in Sections 10.554(1)(i)5.b. and 10.556(8). Section 10.554(1)(i)2, *Rules of the Auditor General*, requires that we communicate any recommendations to improve financial management. In connection with our audit, we did not have any such recommendations.

Special District Component Units

Section 10.554(1)(i)5.c., *Rules of the Auditor General*, requires, if appropriate that we communicate the failure of a special district that is a component unit of a county, municipality, or special district, to provide the financial information necessary for proper reporting of the component unit within the audited financial statements of the county, municipality, or special district in accordance with Section 218.39(3)(b), *Florida Statutes*. In connection with our audit, we did not note any special district component units that failed to provide the necessary information for proper reporting in accordance with Section 218.39(3)(b).

As required by Section 218.39(3)(c), *Florida Statutes*, and Section 10.554(1)(i)6, *Rules of the Auditor General*, the following specific information was provided to us by management of the District:

- a. The total number of the District employees compensated in the last pay period of the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023 was 343.
- b. The total number of independent contractors to whom nonemployee compensation was paid in the last month of the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023 was 30.
- c. All compensation earned by or awarded to employees of the District, whether paid or accrued, regardless of contingency during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023 was \$22,841,295.
- d. All compensation earned by or awarded to nonemployee independent contractors, whether paid or accrued, regardless of contingency during the year ended September 30, 2023 was \$5,103,470.
- e. Each construction project with a total cost of at least \$65,000 approved by the District that is scheduled to begin on or after October 1 of the year ended September 30, 2023, together with the total expenditures for such project was:

<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>FY 23 Expenditures</u>
MRI Remodel	\$4,300,000	\$4,242,022

- f. A budget variance report based on the budget adopted under Section 189.016(4), *Florida Statutes*, before the beginning of the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023, and the amended budget under Section 189.016(6), *Florida Statutes*, was as follows: the District's original and final budgeted expenditures totaled \$44,690,948, compared to actual expenditures of \$47,037,998 for the year ended September 30, 2023.

Additional Matters

Section 10.554(1)(i)3, *Rules of the Auditor General*, requires that we address 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 warrants the attention of those charged with governance. In connection with our audit, we did not note any such findings.

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Purpose of This Letter

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

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