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ROCK NOBLES COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS WORTHINGTON, MINNESOTA

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013

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Introductory Section

ORGANIZATION 2013

Office	Name	Term Expires
Executive Board		
Nobles County Commissioner	Matthew Widboom	January 2016
Nobles County Commissioner	Robert S. Demuth, Jr.	January 2014
Rock County Commissioner	Kenneth Hoime ²	January 2014
Rock County Commissioner	Jody Reisch	January 2014
Rock County Sheriff	Evan Verbrugge	January 2016
Appointees	Don Basche ¹	January 2015
	Mike Harmon	January 2015
Advisory Board Worthington Police Department Appointees	William Bolt Lee McAllister Angie Boyenga Cynthia Cordova Stephanie Pierce ¹ Tara Thompson ²	January 2014 January 2016 January 2016 January 2016 January 2016 January 2015
Position Director Fiscal Officer	Jon Ramlo Kyle Oldre	Indefinite Indefinite

¹Chair 2013 ²Vice Chair 2013

Financial Section



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Executive Board Rock Nobles Community Corrections Worthington, Minnesota

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and the General Fund of Rock Nobles Community Corrections as of and for the year ended December 31, 2013, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Community Corrections' basic financial statements, as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Community Corrections' preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in

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the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Community Corrections' internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and the General Fund of Rock Nobles Community Corrections as of December 31, 2013, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Emphasis of Matter - Change in Accounting Principle

As discussed in Note 1 to the financial statements, in 2013 the Community Corrections adopted new accounting guidance by implementing the provisions of Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 65, *Items Previously Reported as Assets and Liabilities*, which represents a change in accounting principles. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis and Required Supplementary Information as listed in the table of contents be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not part of the basic financial statements, is required by the GASB, 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 Rock Nobles Community Corrections' basic financial statements. The Schedule of Intergovernmental Revenue is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The Schedule of Intergovernmental Revenue 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. Such information 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 Schedule of Intergovernmental Revenue is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated May 14, 2014, on our consideration of Rock Nobles Community Corrections' internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Rock Nobles Community Corrections' internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

/s/Rebecca Otto

/s/Greg Hierlinger

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May 14, 2014

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS DECEMBER 31, 2013 (Unaudited)

The Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) provides an overview and analysis of Rock Nobles Community Corrections' financial activities for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013. Since this information is designed to focus on the current year's activities, resulting changes, and currently known facts, it should be read in conjunction with the financial statements.

FINANCIAL REPORTING ENTITY

Rock Nobles Community Corrections was created pursuant to the provisions of the Community Corrections Act, January 1, 1979. The Community Corrections provides probation and parole services to the far southwestern Minnesota counties of Nobles and Rock; it is responsible for juvenile and adult cases. The Community Corrections is staffed with corrections professionals.

Program planning is the responsibility of an Advisory Board; this Board's makeup consists of law enforcement professionals, judges, social service professionals, attorneys, school personnel, and community members. Policy, program, and budget management are accomplished through an Executive Board consisting of County Commissioners, law enforcement professionals, and community members.

Funding comes from Community Corrections Act subsidies, grants, local contributions from the participating counties, charges for services, and miscellaneous revenues.

Rock County acts as fiscal agent for Rock Nobles Community Corrections.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Governmental activities' total net position is \$237,417, of which \$25,268 is the net investment in capital assets.
- The Community Corrections' net position decreased by \$3,672 for the year ended December 31, 2013, due primarily to less than anticipated revenues from charges for services.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This MD&A is intended to serve as an introduction to the basic financial statements. The basic financial statements consist of two statements that combine government-wide financial statements and fund financial statements, and notes to the financial statements. The MD&A (this section) is required to accompany the basic financial statements and, therefore, is included as required supplementary information. This report also contains other required supplementary information such as a budgetary comparison schedule for the General Fund and a schedule of funding progress for other postemployment benefits.

The first column of each of the first two statements presents governmental fund data. These columns focus on how money flows in and out and the balances left at year-end that are available for spending. They are reported using an accounting method called modified accrual accounting. This method measures cash and all other financial assets that can be readily converted to cash. These columns provide a detailed short-term view of the operations and the basic services provided. Governmental fund information helps determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the programs. We reconcile the relationship (or differences) between governmental funds and governmental activities (reported in the third column) of each statement.

The third column in each statement presents the governmental activities' Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities, which provide information about the activities of Rock Nobles Community Corrections as a whole and present a longer-term view of its finances. These columns include all assets and liabilities using the full accrual basis of accounting, which is similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are taken into account regardless of when cash is received or paid. Over time, increases or decreases in net position are one indicator of whether the Community Corrections' financial health is improving or deteriorating.

Notes to the financial statements provide additional information essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found on pages 13 through 30 of this report.

Other information is provided as supplementary information regarding Rock Nobles Community Corrections' intergovernmental revenue.

GOVERNMENTAL FUND

Compared to 2012, revenues for Rock Nobles Community Corrections' General Fund decreased by \$5,192, and total expenditures decreased by \$7,622, primarily due to a decrease in payroll and professional services expenditures.

The General Fund's nonspendable fund balance decreased \$7,817 (59.12 percent) due to a decrease in prepaid items at December 31, 2013, and the unassigned fund balance increased \$527 (.22 percent) primarily due to less than anticipated personal services expenditures.

As shown in the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance, the amount that was received through intergovernmental revenues was 89.7 percent of the total revenue received, or \$624,675.

Rock Nobles Community Corrections adopts an annual appropriated budget for its General Fund. A budgetary comparison schedule has been provided for this fund to demonstrate compliance with the budget.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS AS A WHOLE

Net Position

Over time, net position serves as a useful indicator of the government's financial position. Rock Nobles Community Corrections' assets exceeded liabilities by \$237,417 on December 31, 2013. Ten percent of the Community Corrections' net position reflects its net investment in capital assets. It should be noted that these assets are not available for future spending.

	Governmental Activities				
		2013		2012	
Assets					
Current and other assets	\$	281,569	\$	292,073	
Capital assets	. <u> </u>	25,268		28,834	
Total Assets	\$	306,837	\$	320,907	
Liabilities					
Current liabilities	\$	34,482	\$	38,635	
Long-term liabilities		34,938		41,183	
Total Liabilities	\$	69,420	\$	79,818	
Net Position					
Net investment in capital assets	\$	25,268	\$	28,834	
Unrestricted		212,149		212,255	
Total Net Position	\$	237,417	\$	241,089	

Unrestricted net position--the part of net position that may be used to meet the Community Corrections' ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors without constraints established by debt covenants, enabling legislation, or other legal requirements--was 89.4 percent of net position.

Changes in Net Position

The Community Corrections' total revenues were \$696,017 for the year ended December 31, 2013. Intergovernmental revenues accounted for 89.7 percent of total revenues for the year.

	Governmental Activities					
		2013				
Revenues						
Intergovernmental	\$	624,675	\$	626,324		
Charges for services		64,762		66,091		
Investment earnings		354		360		
Miscellaneous		6,226		8,434		
Total Revenues	\$	696,017	\$	701,209		
Expenses						
Personal services	\$	627,968	\$	629,401		
Other services and charges		40,798		39,385		
Supplies		7,673		4,313		
Professional and technical services		19,684		27, 133		
Depreciation		3,566		5,849		
Total Expenses	\$	699,689	\$	706,081		
Change in Net Position	\$	(3,672)	\$	(4,872)		
Net Position – January 1		241,089		245,961		
Net Position – December 31	\$	237,417	\$	241,089		

Changes in Net Position

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

Actual revenues were \$20,923 less than expected, primarily due to less than expected revenues from charges for services.

Actual expenditures were \$13,633 less than budgeted, primarily due to less than anticipated payroll expenditures.

CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets

By the end of 2013, the Community Corrections had invested over \$75,000 in vehicles, office furniture, and equipment. Total depreciation for the year was \$3,566.

	eginning Balance	I	ncrease	De	crease	Ending alance
Capital assets depreciated Office furniture and equipment Vehicles	\$ 42,992 35,109	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 42,992 35,109
Total capital assets depreciated	\$ 78,101	\$	-	\$		\$ 78,101
Less: accumulated depreciation for Office furniture and equipment Vehicles	\$ 28,556 20,711	\$	1,509 2,057	\$	-	\$ 30,065 22,768
Total accumulated depreciation	\$ 49,267	\$	3,566	\$	-	\$ 52,833
Capital Assets, Net	\$ 28,834	\$	(3,566)	\$	-	\$ 25,268

Additional information about the Community Corrections' Capital Assets can be found in Note 2.A.3 to the financial statements.

Debt Administration

At year-end, the Community Corrections had no outstanding bonded debt.

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS

The Community Corrections is dependent on the State of Minnesota for a significant portion of its revenue. Should there be any reductions to grants or subsidies, it would have a significant impact on next year's budget.

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of Rock Nobles Community Corrections' finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to the Director of Rock Nobles Community Corrections, Jon P. Ramlo, P. O. Box 547, Worthington, Minnesota 56187.

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

EXHIBIT 1

GENERAL FUND BALANCE SHEET AND GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES - STATEMENT OF NET POSITION WITH ADJUSTMENTS TO CONVERT MODIFIED TO FULL ACCRUAL DECEMBER 31, 2013

Assets General Fund			l Adjustments			Governmental Activities		
Current assets								
Cash and pooled investments	\$	242,842	\$	-	\$	242,842		
Petty cash and change funds		200		-		200		
Accounts receivable		1,250		-		1,250		
Due from other governments		30,452		-		30,452		
Prepaid items		5,405		-		5,405		
Noncurrent assets				1 420		1 420		
Other postemployment benefits (OPEB) receivable Capital assets		-		1,420		1,420		
Depreciable - net				25 268		25 268		
Depreciable - net		-		25,268		25,268		
Total Assets	\$	280,149	\$	26,688	\$	306,837		
Liabilities and Fund Balance/Net Position								
Liabilities								
Current liabilities								
Accounts payable	\$	3,969	\$	-	\$	3,969		
Salaries payable		25,390		-		25,390		
Long-term liabilities								
Due within one year		-		5,123		5,123		
Due in more than one year		-		34,938		34,938		
Total Liabilities	\$	29,359	\$	40,061	\$	69,420		
Fund Balance								
Nonspendable for prepaid items	\$	5,405	\$	(5,405)				
Unassigned		245,385		(245,385)				
Total Fund Balance	\$	250,790	\$	(250,790)				
Net Position								
Net investment in capital assets			\$	25,268	\$	25,268		
Unrestricted				212,149		212,149		
Total Net Position			\$	237,417	\$	237,417		
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance/Net Position	\$	280,149	\$	26,688	\$	306,837		

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

EXHIBIT 1 (Continued)

GENERAL FUND BALANCE SHEET AND GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES - STATEMENT OF NET POSITION WITH ADJUSTMENTS TO CONVERT MODIFIED TO FULL ACCRUAL DECEMBER 31, 2013

Reconciliation of the General Fund Balance to Net Position			
Fund Balance - General Fund			\$ 250,790
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the General Fund.			25,268
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the General Fund.			
Compensated absences	\$	(40,061)	
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Net other postemployment benefits (OPEB) receivable		1,420	 (38,641)
Net Position - Governmental Activities			\$ 237,417

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

EXHIBIT 2

GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE AND GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES - STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES WITH ADJUSTMENTS TO RECONCILE BETWEEN MODIFIED AND FULL ACCRUAL FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013

	General Fund		Adjustments		vernmental Activities
Revenues Intergovernmental	\$	624,675	\$	-	\$ 624,675
Charges for services Investment earnings Miscellaneous		64,762 354 6,226		-	 64,762 354 6,226
Total Revenues	\$	696,017	\$		\$ 696,017
Expenditures/Expenses Current Public safety					
Personal services Other services and charges Supplies Professional and technical services Depreciation	\$	635,152 40,798 7,673 19,684	\$	(7,184) - - 3,566	\$ 627,968 40,798 7,673 19,684 3,566
Total Expenditures/Expenses	\$	703,307	\$	(3,618)	\$ 699,689
Net Change in Fund Balance/Net Position	\$	(7,290)	\$	3,618	\$ (3,672)
Fund Balance/Net Position - January 1		258,080		(16,991)	 241,089
Fund Balance/Net Position - December 31	\$	250,790	\$	(13,373)	\$ 237,417
Reconciliation of the Statement of General Fund Revenue and Changes in Fund Balance to the Statement of Activiti Net Change in Fund Balance		ıres,			\$ (7,290)
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. Statement of Activities, the cost of those assets is allocated estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense Current year depreciation expense	l over their	n the			(3,566)
Some expenses reported in the Statement of Activities do n of current financial resources and, therefore, are not report in governmental funds.	-				
(Increase) decrease in net OPEB liability (Increase) decrease in compensated absences liability					 1,911 5,273
Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities					\$ (3,672)

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

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013

1. <u>Summary of Significant Accounting Policies</u>

Rock Nobles Community Corrections' financial statements are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2013. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is responsible for establishing GAAP for state and local governments through its pronouncements (statements and interpretations). The more significant accounting policies established in GAAP and used by the Community Corrections are discussed below.

Change in Accounting Principles

During 2013, the Community Corrections adopted new accounting guidance by implementing the provisions of GASB Statement 65. GASB Statement No. 65, *Items Previously Reported as Assets and Liabilities*, establishes accounting and financial reporting standards that reclassify, as deferred outflows of resources or deferred inflows of resources, certain items previously reported as assets and liabilities, and recognizes, as outflows of resources or inflows of resources, certain items previously reported as assets and liabilities. See Note 1.D.8. in the notes to the financial statements for additional information regarding the Community Corrections' deferred inflows/outflows of resources.

Restatements of December 31, 2012, net position or fund balance were not required as a result of adopting this change in accounting principle.

A. Financial Reporting Entity

The Community Corrections was created pursuant to the provisions of the Community Corrections Act, January 1, 1979. The Community Corrections provides probation and parole services to the far southwestern Minnesota counties of Nobles and Rock; it is responsible for juvenile and adult court clients. The Community Corrections is staffed with corrections professionals.

Program planning is the responsibility of the Advisory Board. Policy, program, and budget management are accomplished through the Executive Board consisting of County Commissioners, Advisory Board members, and judges.

1. <u>Summary of Significant Accounting Policies</u>

A. Financial Reporting Entity (Continued)

Funding comes from Community Corrections Act subsidies, local contributions from the participating counties, charges for services, and miscellaneous revenues.

Rock County acts as fiscal agent for the Community Corrections and reports Rock Nobles Community Corrections as an agency fund in its annual financial statements. The Community Corrections is reported as a component unit of Nobles County because Nobles County can significantly influence the operations of the Community Corrections. Rock Nobles Community Corrections does not have any component units.

B. Basic Financial Statements

1. Government-Wide Statements

Basic financial statements include information on the Community Corrections' activities as a whole and information on the individual fund (the General Fund) of the Community Corrections. These separate presentations are reported in different columns on Exhibits 1 and 2. Each of the statements starts with a column of information based on activities of the General Fund and reconciles it to a column that reports the "governmental activities" of the Community Corrections as a whole.

The governmental activities columns are reported on the full accrual, economic resources basis, which recognizes all long-term assets and receivables as well as long-term debt and obligations. The Community Corrections' net position is reported in two parts: net investment in capital assets and unrestricted net position. The Statement of Activities demonstrates the degree to which the expenses of the Community Corrections are offset by revenues.

The Balance Sheet and Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance for the General Fund are presented on the modified accrual basis and report current financial resources.

1. <u>Summary of Significant Accounting Policies</u>

C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The governmental activities columns are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned, and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenues as soon as eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Governmental fund columns (General Fund) are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. The Community Corrections considers all revenues as available if collected within 60 days after the end of the current period. Charges for services and interest are considered to be susceptible to accrual. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for principal and interest on general long-term debt, compensated absences, and claims and judgments, which are recognized as expenditures to the extent that they are matured. Issuances of long-term debt and acquisitions under capital leases are reported as other financing sources.

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

D. Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources, and Net Position or Equity

1. <u>Deposits and Pooled Investments</u>

The cash and pooled investments balances represent funds in the checking account of Rock Nobles Community Corrections held by the Rock County Auditor-Treasurer at December 31, 2013. Minnesota statutes require that all County deposits be covered by insurance, surety bond, or collateral.

2. <u>Receivables and Payables</u>

The financial statements for the Community Corrections contain no allowance for uncollectible accounts. Uncollectible receivables are recognized as bad debts at the time information becomes available that indicates the particular receivable is uncollectible. These amounts are not considered to be material in relation to the financial position or operations of the fund.

1. <u>Summary of Significant Accounting Policies</u>

- D. <u>Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources and Net Position or Equity</u> (Continued)
 - 3. Prepaid Items

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in both the government-wide and General Fund financial statements.

4. Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include office furniture and equipment and vehicles, are reported in the governmental activities column on the Statement of Net Position. Capital assets are defined by the Community Corrections as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$750 and an estimated useful life in excess of two years. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair value at the date of donation.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets' lives are not capitalized.

Office furniture and equipment and vehicles are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

Assets	Years
Office furniture and equipment Vehicles	3 - 20 3 - 20

5. <u>Compensated Absences</u>

The liability for compensated absences reported in the financial statements consists of unpaid, accumulated annual and sick leave balances. The liability has been calculated using the vesting method, in which leave amounts for both employees who currently are eligible to receive termination payments and other employees who are expected to become eligible in the future to receive such payments upon termination are included. Compensated absences are accrued when incurred in the

1. <u>Summary of Significant Accounting Policies</u>

D. Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources and Net Position or Equity

5. <u>Compensated Absences</u> (Continued)

government-wide financial statements. A liability for these amounts is reported in the General Fund only if they have matured, for example, as a result of employee resignations and retirements.

6. Long-Term Liabilities

In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the governmental activities column on the Statement of Net Position.

7. <u>Classification of Net Position</u>

Net position in the government-wide financial statements is classified in the following categories:

<u>Net investment in capital assets</u> - the amount of net position representing capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, and reduced by outstanding debt attributed to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of the assets.

<u>Restricted net position</u> - the amount of net position for which external restrictions have been imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments and restrictions imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

<u>Unrestricted net position</u> - the amount of net position that does not meet the definition of restricted or net investment in capital assets.

8. <u>Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources</u>

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expenditure/expense) until then. Currently, the Community Corrections has no items that qualify for reporting in this category.

1. <u>Summary of Significant Accounting Policies</u>

- D. Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources and Net Position or Equity
 - 8. <u>Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources</u> (Continued)

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. Currently, the Community Corrections has no items that qualify for reporting in this category.

9. <u>Classification of Fund Balances</u>

Fund balance is divided into five classifications based primarily on the extent to which Rock Nobles Community Corrections is bound to observe constraints imposed upon the use of the resources in the General Fund. These classifications are as follows:

<u>Nonspendable</u> - amounts that cannot be spent because they are not in spendable form, or are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. The "not in spendable form" criterion includes items that are not expected to be converted to cash.

<u>Restricted</u> - amounts for which constraints have been placed on the use of resources either externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

<u>Committed</u> - amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes imposed by formal action (resolution) of the Community Corrections Executive Board. Those committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Executive Board removes or changes the specified use by taking the same type of action (resolution) it employed to previously commit those amounts.

<u>Assigned</u> - amounts the Community Corrections intends to use for specific purposes that do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed. In the General Fund, assigned amounts represent intended uses established by the Community Corrections Executive Board.

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

- D. Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources and Net Position or Equity
 - 9. <u>Classification of Fund Balances</u> (Continued)

<u>Unassigned</u> - the residual classification for the General Fund, it includes all spendable amounts not contained in the other fund balance classifications.

Rock Nobles Community Corrections applies restricted resources first when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which either restricted or unrestricted (committed, assigned, and unassigned) amounts are available. Similarly, within unrestricted fund balance, committed amounts are reduced first, followed by assigned, and then unassigned amounts when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of the unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used.

At December 31, 2013, the General Fund had \$5,405 in nonspendable fund balance. The remaining fund balance is classified as unassigned.

10. Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make certain estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts 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 expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

2. <u>Detailed Notes</u>

A. Assets

1. Deposits and Pooled Investments

Reconciliation of the Community Corrections' total cash and pooled investments to the basic financial statements follows:

2. Detailed Notes

A. Assets

1. Deposits and Pooled Investments (Continued)

Governmental Activities Cash and pooled investments Petty cash and change funds	\$ 242,842 200
Total Cash and Investments	\$ 243,042
Petty cash and change funds Checking	\$ 200 242,842
Total Deposits and Investments	\$ 243,042

a. Deposits

Cash transactions are administered by the Rock County Auditor-Treasurer, who is authorized by Minn. Stat. §§ 118A.02 and 118A.04 to designate a depository for public funds and to invest in certificates of deposit. Rock County is required by Minn. Stat. § 118A.03 to protect deposits with insurance, surety bond, or collateral. The market value of collateral pledged shall be at least ten percent more than the amount on deposit at the close of the financial institution's banking day, not covered by insurance or bonds.

Authorized collateral includes treasury bills, notes and bonds; issues of U.S. government agencies; general obligations rated "A" or better and revenue obligations rated "AA" or better; irrevocable standby letters of credit issued by the Federal Home Loan Bank; and certificates of deposit. Minnesota statutes require that securities pledged as collateral be held in safekeeping in a restricted account at the Federal Reserve Bank or in an account at a trust department of a commercial bank or other financial institution not owned or controlled by the financial institution furnishing the collateral.

2. <u>Detailed Notes</u>

A. Assets

- 1. Deposits and Pooled Investments
 - a. <u>Deposits</u> (Continued)

Custodial Credit Risk

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a financial institution failure, the Community Corrections' deposits may not be returned to it. Rock County's policy is to minimize deposit custodial credit risk by obtaining collateral or bond for all uninsured amounts on deposit and obtaining necessary documentation to show compliance with state law and a perfected security interest under federal law.

b. Investments

The Community Corrections may invest in the following types of investments as authorized by Minn. Stat. §§ 118A.04 and 118A.05:

- (1) securities which are direct obligations or are guaranteed or insured issues of the United States, its agencies, its instrumentalities, or organizations created by an act of Congress, except mortgage-backed securities defined as "high risk" by Minn. Stat. § 118A.04, subd. 6;
- (2) mutual funds through shares of registered investment companies provided the mutual fund receives certain ratings depending on its investments;
- (3) general obligations of the State of Minnesota and its municipalities, and in certain state agency and local obligations of Minnesota and other states provided such obligations have certain specified bond ratings by a national bond rating service;
- (4) bankers' acceptances of United States banks;
- (5) commercial paper issued by United States corporations or their Canadian subsidiaries that is rated in the highest quality category by two nationally recognized rating agencies and matures in 270 days or less; and

2. Detailed Notes

A. Assets

- 1. Deposits and Pooled Investments
 - b. <u>Investments</u> (Continued)
 - (6) with certain restrictions, in repurchase agreements, securities lending agreements, joint powers investment trusts, and guaranteed investment contracts.

2. <u>Receivables</u>

The Community Corrections did not have any receivables scheduled to be collected beyond one year as of December 31, 2013. Receivables as of December 31, 2013, for the Community Corrections' governmental activities, net of the applicable allowances for uncollectible accounts, are as follows:

Accounts	Re	ceivables
Governmental Activities Accounts Due from other governments	\$	1,250 30,452
Total Governmental Activities	\$	31,702

3. Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the year ended December 31, 2013, was as follows:

	Beginning Balance		Iı	ncrease	De	crease	Ending Balance	
Capital assets depreciated Office furniture and equipment Vehicles	\$	42,992 35,109	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 42,992 35,109	
Total capital assets depreciated	\$	78,101	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 78,101	
Less: accumulated depreciation for Office furniture and equipment Vehicles	\$	28,556 20,711	\$	1,509 2,057	\$	-	\$ 30,065 22,768	
Total accumulated depreciation	\$	49,267	\$	3,566	\$	-	\$ 52,833	
Capital Assets, Net	\$	28,834	\$	(3,566)	\$	_	\$ 25,268	

2. Detailed Notes

- A. <u>Assets</u>
 - 3. <u>Capital Assets</u> (Continued)

Depreciation expense for the year ended December 31, 2013, was \$3,566.

B. Liabilities

1. Payables

Payables at December 31, 2013, were as follows:

	P	ayables
Governmental Activities		
Accounts	\$	3,969
Salaries	<u> </u>	25,390
Total Governmental Activities	\$	29,359

2. Changes in Long-Term Liabilities

Long-term liability activity for the year ended December 31, 2013, was as follows:

	Beginning Balance		6 6		ditions	Reductions		Ending Balance		Due Within One Year	
Compensated absences Net OPEB obligation/(asset)	\$	45,334 491	\$	55,315 3,156	\$	60,588 5,067	\$	40,061 (1,420)	\$	5,123	
Governmental Activities Long-Term Liabilities	\$	45,825	\$	58,471	\$	65,655	\$	38,641	\$	5,123	

3. Pension Plans and Other Postemployment Benefits

A. Defined Benefit Plan

Plan Description

All full-time and certain part-time employees of Rock Nobles Community Corrections are covered by defined benefit pension plans administered by the Public Employees Retirement Association of Minnesota (PERA). PERA administers the General Employees Retirement Fund, which is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer retirement plan. The plan is established and administered in accordance with Minn. Stat., chs. 353 and 356.

General Employees Retirement Fund members of the Community Corrections belong to the Coordinated Plan and are covered by Social Security. Benefits vest after three years of credited service (five years for those first eligible for membership after June 30, 2010).

PERA provides retirement benefits as well as disability benefits to members and benefits to survivors upon death of eligible members. Benefits are established by state statute. Defined retirement benefits are based on a member's highest average salary for any five succesive years of allowable service, age, and years of credit at termination of service.

Two methods are used to compute benefits for General Employees Retirement Fund Coordinated Plan members. The retiring member receives the higher of a step-rate benefit accrual formula (Method 1) or a level accrual formula (Method 2). Under Method 1, the annuity accrual rate is 1.2 percent of average salary for each of the first ten years and 1.7 percent for each remaining year. Using Method 2, the annuity accrual rate is 1.7 percent for each year of service.

For General Employees Retirement Fund members hired prior to July 1, 1989, whose annuity is calculated using Method 1, a full annuity is available when age plus years of service equal 90. Normal retirement age is either 65 or 66 (depending on date hired) for General Employees Retirement Fund members. A reduced retirement annuity is also available to eligible members seeking early retirement.

3. Pension Plans and Other Postemployment Benefits

A. Defined Benefit Plan

Plan Description (Continued)

The benefit provisions stated in the previous paragraphs of this section are current provisions and apply to active plan participants. Vested, terminated employees who are entitled to benefits but are not yet receiving them are bound by the provisions in effect at the time they last terminated public service.

PERA issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the General Employees Retirement Fund. That report may be obtained on the internet at www.mnpera.org; by writing to PERA at 60 Empire Drive, Suite 200, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55103-2088; or by calling 651-296-7460 or 1-800-652-9026.

Funding Policy

Pension benefits are funded from member and employer contributions and income from the investment of fund assets. Rates for employer and employee contributions are set by Minn. Stat. ch. 353. These statutes are established and amended by the State Legislature. The Community Corrections makes annual contributions to the pension plans equal to the amount required by state statutes. General Employees Retirement Fund Coordinated Plan members are required to contribute 6.25 percent of their annual covered salary.

The Community Corrections is required to contribute 7.25 percent of annual covered payroll for Coordinated Plan members in 2013.

The Community Corrections' contributions for the years ending December 31, 2013, 2012, and 2011, for the General Employees Retirement Fund were:

2013		 2012	 2011		
\$	35,310	\$ 34,973	\$ 37,353		

3. Pension Plans and Other Postemployment Benefits

A. Defined Benefit Plan

Plan Description (Continued)

These contributions are equal to the contractually required contribution rates for each year as set by state statute.

B. Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB)

Plan Description

The Community Corrections provides a single-employer defined benefit health care plan to eligible retirees and their spouses. The plan offers medical insurance benefits. The Community Corrections provides benefits for retirees as required by Minn. Stat. § 471.61, subd. 2b.

Funding Policy

The contribution requirements of the plan members and the Community Corrections are established and may be amended by the fiscal agent, the Rock County Board of Commissioners. Retirees are required to pay 100 percent of the premium costs.

The required contribution is based on projected pay-as-you-go financing requirements. Retirees and their spouses contribute to the health care plan at the same rate as Community Corrections' employees. This results in the retirees receiving an implicit rate subsidy. For 2013, there were approximately ten active participants and one retiree.

Annual OPEB Cost and Net OPEB Obligation

Rock Nobles Community Corrections' annual OPEB cost (expense) is calculated based on the annual required contribution (ARC) of the employer, an amount actuarially determined in accordance with the parameters of GASB Statement 45. The ARC represents a level of funding that, if paid on an ongoing basis, is projected to cover normal costs each year and amortize any unfunded actuarial accrued liabilities (or funding excess) over a period not to exceed 30 years.

3. Pension Plans and Other Postemployment Benefits

B. Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB)

Annual OPEB Cost and Net OPEB Obligation (Continued)

The following table shows the components of the Community Corrections' annual OPEB cost for the year, the amount actually contributed to the plan, and changes in the Community Corrections' net OPEB obligation to the plan.

ARC Interest on net OPEB obligation Adjustment to ARC	\$ 3,170 20 (34)
Annual OPEB cost (expense) Contributions made	\$ 3,156 (5,067)
Decrease in net OPEB obligation Net OPEB Obligation/(Asset) - Beginning of Year	\$ (1,911) 491
Net OPEB Obligation/(Asset) - End of Year	\$ (1,420)

Rock Nobles Community Corrections' annual OPEB cost, the percentage of annual OPEB cost contributed to the plan, and the net OPEB obligation for the years ended December 31, 2011, 2012, and 2013, were as follows:

Fiscal Year Ended	 nnual EB Cost	En	nnual nployer tribution	Percentage of Annual OPEB Cost Contributed	Oł	Net OPEB Obligation/ (Asset)	
December 31, 2011 December 31, 2012 December 31, 2013	\$ 404 3,139 3,156	\$	- 4,346 5,067	- % 138.5 160.6	\$	1,698 491 (1,420)	

Funded Status and Funding Progress

As of January 1, 2012, the most recent actuarial valuation date, the Community Corrections had no assets to fund the plan. The actuarial accrued liability for benefits was \$35,235, and the actuarial value of assets was zero, resulting in an unfunded actuarial accrued liability (UAAL) of \$35,235. The covered payroll (annual payroll of active employees covered by the plan) was \$480,152, and the ratio of the UAAL to the covered payroll was 7.3 percent.

3. Pension Plans and Other Postemployment Benefits

B. <u>Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB)</u> (Continued)

Actuarial Methods and Assumptions

Actuarial valuations of an ongoing plan involve estimates of the value of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future. Examples include assumptions about future employment, mortality, and the health care cost trend. Amounts determined regarding the funded status of the plan and the annual required contributions of the employer are subject to continual revision as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future. The Schedule of Funding Progress - Other Postemployment Benefits, presented as required supplementary information following the notes to the financial statements, presents multi-year trend information about whether the actuarial value of plan assets is increasing or decreasing over time relative to the actuarial accrued liabilities for benefits.

Projections of benefits for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan (the plan as understood by the employer and the plan members) and include the types of benefits provided at the time of each valuation and the historical pattern of sharing of benefit cost between the employer and plan members to that point. The actuarial methods and assumptions used include techniques that are designed to reduce the effects of short-term volatility in actuarial accrued liabilities and the actuarial value of assets, consistent with the long-term perspective of the calculations.

In the January 1, 2012, actuarial valuation, the projected unit credit actuarial cost method was used. The actuarial assumptions include a 4.0 percent investment rate of return (net of investment expenses), which is the Community Corrections' implicit rate of return on the General Fund.

The annual health care cost trend is 8.0 percent initially, reduced by decrements to an ultimate rate of 5.0 percent over 6 years. Both rates included a 2.5 percent inflation assumption. The UAAL is being amortized over 30 years on a closed basis. The remaining amortization period at December 31, 2013, was 24 years.

4. Risk Management

The Community Corrections is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, or destruction of assets; errors or omissions; injuries to employees; or natural disasters. The Community Corrections has entered into a joint powers agreement with other Minnesota counties to form the Minnesota Counties Intergovernmental Trust (MCIT). The Community Corrections is a member of both the MCIT Workers' Compensation and Property and Casualty Divisions. The Community Corrections participates in the Southwest/West Central Service Cooperative to provide group employee health benefits; for other risk, the Community Corrections carries commercial insurance. There were no significant reductions in insurance from the prior year. The amount of settlements did not exceed insurance coverage for the past three fiscal years.

The Workers' Compensation Division of MCIT is self-sustaining based on the contributions charged, so that total contributions plus compounded earnings on these contributions will equal the amount needed to satisfy claims liabilities and other expenses. MCIT participates in the Workers' Compensation Reinsurance Association with coverage at \$470,000 per claim in 2013 and \$480,000 in 2014. Should the MCIT Workers' Compensation Division liabilities exceed assets, MCIT may assess the Community Corrections in a method and amount to be determined by MCIT.

The Property and Casualty Division of MCIT is self-sustaining, and the Community Corrections pays an annual premium to cover current and future losses. MCIT carries reinsurance for its property lines to protect against catastrophic losses. Should the MCIT Property and Casualty Division liabilities exceed assets, MCIT may assess the Community Corrections in a method and amount to be determined by MCIT.

The Southwest/West Central Service Cooperative is a joint powers entity which sponsors a plan to provide group employee health benefits to its participating members. All members pool premiums and losses; however, a particular member may receive increases or decreases depending on a good or bad year of claims experience. Premiums are determined annually by the Service Cooperative and are based partially on the experience of the Community Corrections and partially on the experience of the group. The Service Cooperative solicits proposals from carriers and negotiates the contracts.

5. <u>Summary of Significant Contingencies and Other Items</u>

Contingent Liabilities

Amounts received or receivable from grant agencies are subject to audit and adjustment by grantor agencies, principally the State of Minnesota. Any disallowed claims, including amounts already collected, may constitute a liability of the applicable funds. The amount, if any, of the expenditures that may be disallowed by the grantor cannot be determined at this time, although the Community Corrections expects such amounts, if any, to be immaterial.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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EXHIBIT A-1

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE GENERAL FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013

	Budgeted Amounts				Actual	Variance with		
		Original		Final	/	Amounts	Final Budget	
Revenues								
Intergovernmental	\$	626,940	\$	626,940	\$	624,675	\$	(2,265)
Charges for services		90,000		90,000		64,762		(25,238)
Interest on investments		-		-		354		354
Miscellaneous	1	-		-		6,226		6,226
Total Revenues	\$	716,940	\$	716,940	\$	696,017	\$	(20,923)
Expenditures								
Current								
Public safety								
Personal services	\$	659,040	\$	659,040	\$	635,152	\$	23,888
Other services and charges		38,900		38,900		40,798		(1,898)
Supplies		8,000		8,000		7,673		327
Professional and technical services		11,000		11,000		19,684		(8,684)
Total Expenditures	\$	716,940	\$	716,940	\$	703,307	\$	13,633
Net Change in Fund Balance	\$	-	\$	-	\$	(7,290)	\$	(7,290)
Fund Balance - January 1		258,080		258,080		258,080		-
Fund Balance - December 31	\$	258,080	\$	258,080	\$	250,790	\$	(7,290)

EXHIBIT A-2

SCHEDULE OF FUNDING PROGRESS - OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS DECEMBER 31, 2013

Actuarial Valuation Date	Va	tuarial lue of .ssets (a)	A L	ctuarial .ccrued iability AAL) (b)	A A L (U	nfunded ctuarial ccrued iability UAAL) (b-a)	Funded Ratio (a/b)	Covered Payroll (c)	UAAL as a Percentage of Covered Payroll ((b-a)/c)
January 1, 2008 January 1, 2012	\$	-	\$	3,626 35,235	\$	3,626 35,235	0.0% 0.0	\$ 608,732 480,152	0.6% 7.3

The notes to the required supplementary information are an integral part of this schedule.

NOTES TO THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013

1. <u>General Budget Policies</u>

The appropriated budget is prepared by function and department. The legal level of budgetary control (the level at which expenditures cannot legally exceed the appropriated amount) is the fund level.

The budgets may be amended or modified at any time by the Community Corrections Executive Board. Expenditures may not legally exceed budgeted appropriations. Comparisons of final budgeted revenues and expenditures to actual for the General Fund are presented in the required supplementary information.

2. <u>Budget Basis of Accounting</u>

Budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles.

3. <u>Budget Amendments</u>

There were no budget amendments in 2013.

4. Other Postemployment Benefits Funded Status

Since the Community Corrections has not irrevocably deposited funds in a trust for future health benefits, the actuarial value of the assets to pay the accrued liability for postemployment benefits is zero. Currently, two actuarial valuations are available. As the information becomes available, future reports will provide additional trend analysis to meet the three valuation funding status requirement.

See Note 3.B. in the notes to the financial statements for additional information regarding the Community Corrections' other postemployment benefits.

5. <u>Other Postemployment Benefits - Significant Plan Provisions and Actuarial Assumption</u> <u>Changes</u>

<u>2012</u>

Plan Provisions

• None

Actuarial Assumptions

- The health care trend rates were changed to better anticipate short-term and long-term medical increases.
- The mortality table was updated from the 1994 Group Annuity Mortality to the RP-2000 Combined Healthy Mortality table projected to 2012 with Scale BB.
- Retirement, termination, and withdrawal rates were updated to reflect experience studies by the Public Employees Retirement Association of Minnesota.
- The method determining annual claims cost is the Alternative Measurement Method as defined in GASB Statement 45.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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EXHIBIT B-1

SCHEDULE OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013

Shared Revenue Payments from participating counties	\$ 187,425
Grants State Minnesota Department of Corrections	 437,250
Total Intergovernmental Revenue	\$ 624,675

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

Independent Auditor's Report

Executive Board Rock Nobles Community Corrections Worthington, Minnesota

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities and the General Fund of Rock Nobles Community Corrections as of and for the year ended December 31, 2013, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Community Corrections' basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated May 14, 2014.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Rock Nobles Community Corrections' internal control over financial reporting to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Community Corrections' internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Community Corrections' internal control over financial reporting.

A deficiency in internal control over financial reporting exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A material

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weakness is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over financial reporting such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Community Corrections' financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over financial reporting that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit the attention of those charged with governance.

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

Compliance and Other Matters

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

Minnesota Legal Compliance

The *Minnesota Legal Compliance Audit Guide for Political Subdivisions*, promulgated by the State Auditor pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 6.65, contains six categories of compliance to be tested in connection with the audit of the Community Corrections' financial statements: contracting and bidding, deposits and investments, conflicts of interest, public indebtedness, claims and disbursements, and miscellaneous provisions. Our audit considered all of the listed categories, except that we did not test for compliance with the provisions for public indebtedness because the Community Corrections does not have debt.

In connection with our audit, nothing came to our attention that caused us to believe that Rock Nobles Community Corrections failed to comply with the provisions of the *Minnesota Legal Compliance Audit Guide for Political Subdivisions*. However, our audit was not directed primarily toward obtaining knowledge of such noncompliance. Accordingly, had we performed additional procedures, other matters may have come to our attention regarding the Community Corrections' noncompliance with the above referenced provisions.

Purpose of This Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting, compliance, and the provisions of the *Minnesota Legal Compliance Audit Guide for Political Subdivisions* and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Community Corrections' internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Community Corrections' internal control over financial reporting and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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/s/Greg Hierlinger

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May 14, 2014