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To the Board of Commissioners Scotts Bluff County, Nebraska 1825 10th Street Gering, NE 69341

RE: AU-C 260

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Scotts Bluff County, Nebraska for the year ended June 30, 2018. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our letter to you dated July 5, 2018. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

Significant Audit Findings

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by Scotts Bluff County, Nebraska, are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during the year ended June 30, 2018. We noted no transactions entered into by the Scotts Bluff County, Nebraska, during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimate affecting the financial statements was:

Management's estimate of the budget amounts is based on prior experiences and future expectations. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the budget amounts in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Certain financial statement disclosures are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. The most sensitive disclosure affecting the financial statements was:

Note 5 of the financial statements discloses debt required to be repaid in future periods, future debt service requirements, interest rates, debt covenants, and assets collateralized against outstanding debt.

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The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear.

Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

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

Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are clearly trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Management has corrected all such misstatements. The attached schedule summarizes uncorrected misstatements of the financial statements.

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, a disagreement with management is a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditors' report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated November 28, 2018.

Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the Scotts Bluff County, Nebraska's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

Other Audit Findings or Issues

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the Scotts Bluff County, Nebraska's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

Other Matters

We were engaged to report on the supplementary information, which accompanies the financial statements but is not RSI. With respect to this supplementary information, we made certain inquiries of management and evaluated the form, content, and methods of preparing the information to determine

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that the information complies with the cash basis of accounting, the method of preparing it has not changed from the prior period, and the information is appropriate and complete in relation to our audit of the financial statements. We compared and reconciled the supplementary information to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves.

Restriction on Use

This information is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Commissioners and management of Scotts Bluff County, Nebraska, and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Yours truly,

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Client:

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Engagement: Period Ending:

6/30/2018

Trial Balance:

401-01a - Trial Balance

Workpaper:

401-02a - Adjusting Journal Entries Report

Account	Description	W/P Ref	Debit	Credit
Adjusting Journal Entries JE # 1 To reclassify employee contributions and adj transfers out to transfers in		P-04c		
1257.6.000.218-05 1257.6.000.218-06 1257.6.000.515-01 1257.4.000.351-00 2970.5.000.1-0802 2970.5.000.1-0803	Payroll Transfer for Dental Insurance Payroll Transfer for Life/Disability Insurance Payroll Transfer for Health Insurance Employee Contributions Insurance Premium - Health Insurance Premium - Group Life Insurance Premium - Dental Miscellaneous		59,436.00 7,461.00 98,629.00	165,526.00
	Total on IE # A	4.00	165,526.00	100,320.00
Adjusting Journal Entries JE # 2 To record beg and end Keno Cash held by others		A-02		
2850.1.000.0-0000 2850.3.000.0-0000 2850.4.000.534-10 Total			53,998.00	48,398.00 5,600.00
			53,998.00	53,998.00
Adjusting Journal Entries JE # 3 To reclassify debt payments		JJ-02		
0100.5.971.6-0101 3400.5.000.6-0201 0100.5.971.6-0100 0300.5.000.6-0100 0300.5.000.6-0101	Interest Principal Retirement Lease Payment		12,840.00 392,649.00	12,840.00
	Int/Principal - Jail		405,489.00	392,649.00 405,489.00
Adjusting Journal E To correct fund balar		401-02b		
	Fund Balance		19,173.41 491.00 19,664.41	18,628.00 545.41 491.00 19,664.41
Adjusting Journal E Reclass lease payme		O-03a		
0300.5.000.6-0100 0300.5.000.6-0101 0300.5.000.5-0300 Total	Lease Payment Interest Machinery & Equipment		115,377.00 4,476.00 119,853.00	119,853.00 119,853.00
Adjusting Journal E Reclass tower lease	intries JE # 6			
5905.5.000.2-2501 5905.5.000.2-1801 Total	Radio Tower Fees Dues, Sub, Registration, Etc.		11,540.00	11,540.00 11,540.00