

LIBERTY COUNTY, TEXAS

SINGLE AUDIT REPORT

**YEAR ENDED
SEPTEMBER 30, 2024**

LIBERTY COUNTY, TEXAS

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S 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**

Honorable County Judge and Members of the
Commissioner's Court of Liberty County
Liberty, Texas

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*), the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Liberty County, Texas (the "County"), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated August 12, 2025.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the County's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control.

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

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

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

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

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Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the County's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Pattillo, Brown & Hill, L.L.P.

Waco, Texas

August 12, 2025



**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH
MAJOR FEDERAL AND STATE PROGRAM AND REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL
OVER COMPLIANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE
AND THE STATE OF TEXAS GRANT MANAGEMENT STANDARDS**

Honorable County Judge and Members of the
Commissioner's Court of Liberty County
Liberty, Texas

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal and State Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal and State Program

We have audited Liberty County, Texas' ("the County") compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* and the State of Texas Grant Management Standards (TxGMS) that could have a direct and material effect on each of the County's major federal and state programs for the year ended September 30, 2024. The County's major federal and state programs are identified in the summary of auditors' results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, the County complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal and state programs for the year ended September 30, 2024.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal and State Program

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS); the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*); and 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 TxGMS. Our responsibilities under those standards, the Uniform Guidance, and TxGMS are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of the County and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with 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 opinion on compliance for each major federal and state programs. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the County's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to the County's federal and state programs.

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Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on the County's compliance based on our audit. 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 GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, the Uniform Guidance, and TxGMS will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material, if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about County's compliance with the requirements of each major federal and state programs as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, the Uniform Guidance, and TxGMS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, 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 County's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- Obtain an understanding of the County's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identified during the audit.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

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

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.

Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance and TxGMS. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

Report on Schedule of Expenditures of Federal and State Awards Required by the Uniform Guidance and TxGMS

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the County as of and for the year ended September 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements. We issued our report thereon, dated August 12, 2025, which contained unmodified opinions on those financial statements. Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal and state awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by the Uniform Guidance and TxGMS 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 information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the 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 expenditures of federal and state awards is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Pattillo, Brown & Hill, L.L.P.

Waco, Texas
August 12, 2025

LIBERTY COUNTY, TEXAS
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AND STATE AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

Federal Grantor/Pass-through Grantor/Program Title	Assistance Listing Number	Grantor's Pass-through Number	Federal Expenditures
FEDERAL AWARDS			
<u>U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development</u>			
Passed through the Texas General Land Office:			
Community Development Block Grant - Housing Buyout	14.228	20-066-013-C095	\$ 96,687
Community Development Block Grant - Mitigation Program	14.228	24-065-014-E171	<u>1,660,122</u>
Total Assistance Listing Number 14.228			<u>1,756,809</u>
Total passed through the Texas General Land Office			<u>1,756,809</u>
Total U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development			<u>1,756,809</u>
<u>U. S. Department of Justice</u>			
Passed through the Office of the Governor:			
Crime Victim's Assistance	16.575	2876602	<u>130,851</u>
Total passed through the Office of the Governor			<u>130,851</u>
Total U. S. Department of Justice			<u>130,851</u>
<u>U. S. Department of the Treasury</u>			
Direct program:			
Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds - COVID-19	21.027	TD022SLFR8187A	<u>2,597,011</u>
Total direct programs			<u>2,597,011</u>
Total U. S. Department of the Treasury			<u>2,597,011</u>
Total Federal Awards			<u>\$ 4,484,671</u>

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SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AND STATE AWARDS
(Continued)
FOR YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

State Grantor/Pass-through Grantor/Program Title	Grantor's Pass-through Number	State Expenditures
STATE AWARDS		
<u>Office of the Texas Comptroller</u>		
Rural Law Enforcement Grants - Senate Bill 22: County Attorney's Office	IA - 0000000437	\$ 230,629
Rural Law Enforcement Grants - Senate Bill 22: District Attorney's Office	IA - 0000000290	272,707
Rural Law Enforcement Grants - Senate Bill 22: Sheriff's Office	IA - 0000000533	493,214
Total Office of the Texas Comptroller		<u>996,550</u>
<u>Texas Secretary of State</u>		
Chapter 19 Election	N/A	<u>9,202</u>
Total Texas Secretary of State		<u>9,202</u>
<u>Texas Office of Court Administration</u>		
Indigent Defense Formula Grant	N/A	<u>68,351</u>
Total Texas Office of Court Administration		<u>68,351</u>
<u>Texas Office of the Attorney General</u>		
SAVNS State Grant	C-01139	<u>17,899</u>
Total Texas Office of the Attorney General		<u>17,899</u>
<u>Texas Veterans Commission</u>		

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NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AND STATE AWARDS

SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

1. GENERAL

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal and State Awards presents the activity of all applicable federal and state awards programs of Liberty County, Texas. The County's reporting entity is defined in Note 1 of the basic financial statements. Federal and state awards received directly from federal and state agencies, as well as awards passed through other government agencies, are included on the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal and State Awards.

2. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal and State Awards is presented using the modified accrual basis of accounting. The modified accrual basis of accounting is described in Note 1 of the basic financial statements.

3. PASS-THROUGH EXPENDITURES

None of the federal or state programs expended by the County were provided to subrecipients.

4. INDIRECT COSTS

The County did not elect to apply the de minimis indirect cost rate as allowed in the Uniform Guidance.

LIBERTY COUNTY, TEXAS
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

Summary of Auditor's Results

Financial Statements:

Type of auditor's report issued	Unmodified
Internal control over financial reporting:	
Material weakness(es) identified?	None
Significant deficiency(ies) identified?	None reported
Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?	None

Federal and State Awards:

Internal control over major programs:	
Material weakness(es) identified?	None
Significant deficiency(ies) identified?	None reported
Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major programs	Unmodified

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a) or the State of Texas *Texas Grant Management Standards (TxGMS)*

None

Identification of major federal program:

Assistance Listing Number:	Name of Program or Cluster:
21.027	Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

Identification of major state program:

Name of Program:
Rural SO/P Salary Assistance

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B federal programs

\$750,000

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B state programs

\$750,000

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?

No

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SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
(Continued)
SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

**Findings Related to the Financial Statements Which are
Required to be Reported in Accordance With Generally
Accepted Government Auditing Standards**

None

Findings and Questioned Costs Related to Federal and State Awards

None

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SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS

SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

None.

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