

**SEVIERVILLE/SEVIER COUNTY
JOINT VENTURE**

**BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
WITH REQUIRED AND OTHER
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

and

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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INTRODUCTORY SECTION

SEVIERVILLE/SEVIER COUNTY JOINT VENTURE

STADIUM ADVISORY BOARD

June 30, 2023

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Bryan McCarter	Member
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Stadium Advisory Board
Sevierville, Tennessee

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements***Opinions***

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and the governmental fund (General Fund) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Sevierville/Sevier County Joint Venture's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and the major governmental fund (General Fund) of the Sevierville/Sevier County Joint Venture, as of June 30, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Sevierville/Sevier County Joint Venture and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Sevierville/Sevier County Joint Venture's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Sevierville/Sevier County Joint Venture's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages 5 – 9 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Sevierville/Sevier County Joint Venture's basic financial statements. The introductory section and other supplementary information are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not required parts of the basic financial statements.

The other supplementary 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. 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 other supplementary information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Management is responsible for the other information included in the annual report. The other information comprises the introductory section but does not include the basic financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinions on the basic financial statements do not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon.

In connection with our audit of the basic financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the basic financial statements, or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated February 16, 2024, on our consideration of the Sevierville/Sevier County Joint Venture's 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 solely 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 effectiveness of the Sevierville/Sevier County Joint Venture's 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 Sevierville/Sevier County Joint Venture's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brown Lake & McDaniel, PC". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Knoxville, Tennessee
February 16, 2024

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Our discussion and analysis of the Sevierville/Sevier County Joint Venture (the Joint Venture) financial performance provides an overview of the Joint Venture's financial activities (stadium operations) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the Joint Venture's financial performance as a whole; readers should also review the notes to the basic financial statements and financial statements to enhance their understanding of the Joint Venture's financial performance.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Key financial highlights for 2023 are as follows:

Governmental-Type Activities

The total net position increased by \$172,737 for the year ended June 30, 2023. Revenues increased in comparison to 2022 as intergovernmental state and local sales taxes increased along with a significant increase in interest earnings on idle short term cash reserves. Charges for services for the stadium facility use were comparable to 2022. Expenses increased due to increased contracted personnel expense for management and security services, stadium utilities services and stadium maintenance expenses when compared to 2022. Other activities related to revenues and expenses were considered normal and comparable to prior years.

Fund Financial Statements

The Joint Venture has one fund requiring major status display in the basic financial statements, the General Fund. The General Fund reflects all of the Joint Venture's financial activity (stadium operations). The General Fund's total assets represent 100% of the governmental funds' total assets and the general fund reflects 100% of the Joint Venture's governmental revenue sources. The General Fund's fund balance at the end of the fiscal year totaled \$2,351,018 or 345% of General Fund expenditures and transfers for the year. This demonstrates the Joint Venture's fiscal discipline and places the Joint Venture in a strong financial position to meet unexpected emergencies, future capital outlay requirements and any general weakness in the economy.

USING THIS ANNUAL REPORT

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements and notes to those statements. These statements are organized so the reader can understand the Joint Venture as a financial whole. The statements then proceed to provide an increasingly detailed look at specific financial activities. The *Statement of Net Position* and *Statement of Activities* provide information about the activities of the Joint Venture, presenting both an aggregate view of the Joint Venture's finances and a longer-term view of those finances. Fund financial statements provide the next level of detail. For governmental activities, these statements tell how services were financed in the short-term as well as what remains for future spending. The fund financial statements also look at the Joint Venture's most significant funds with all other nonmajor funds presented in one column. The Joint Venture only had one fund, the General Fund.

REPORTING THE JOINT VENTURE AS A WHOLE

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities

While this document contains the funds used by the Joint Venture to provide programs and activities, the view of the Joint Venture as a whole looks at all financial transactions and asks the question, "How did we do financially during 2023?" The *Statement of Net Position* and the *Statement of Activities* answer this question. These statements include all assets and liabilities using the accrual basis of accounting, which is similar to the accounting used by most private sector companies. This basis of accounting as applied takes into account all of the current year's revenues and expenses regardless of when cash is received or paid.

These two statements report the Joint Venture's net position and changes in net position. This change in net position is important because it tells the reader that, for the Joint Venture as a whole, the financial position of the Joint Venture has improved or diminished. The causes of this change may be the result of many factors, some financial, and some not. Non-financial factors include the Joint Venture's tax base, facility condition and other factors.

In the *Statement of Net Position* and the *Statement of Activities*, the Joint Venture reports its governmental activities. Governmental activities are the activities where most of the Joint Venture's programs and services are

reported, including, but not limited to, general services, stadium activities, and maintenance of stadium facilities and related recreation activities. The Sevierville/Sevier County Joint Venture has no business-type activities.

REPORTING THE JOINT VENTURE'S MOST SIGNIFICANT FUNDS

Fund Financial Statements

Fund financial reports provide detailed information about the Joint Venture's major operating fund. The Joint Venture uses one fund to account for its financial transactions. The Joint Venture's major and only governmental fund is the General Fund.

Governmental Funds

All of the Joint Venture's activities are reported in a governmental fund, which focuses on how money flows into and out of this fund and the balance left at year-end that is available for spending in future periods. This fund is reported using modified accrual method of accounting, which measures cash and all other financial assets that can be readily converted to cash. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of the Joint Venture's general government operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps you determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance Joint Venture general services. The relationship (or differences) between governmental activities (reported in the *Statement of Net Position* and the *Statement of Activities*) and governmental funds is reconciled in the financial statements.

THE JOINT VENTURE AS A WHOLE

The *Statement of Net Position* provides the perspective of the Joint Venture as a whole. Table 1 provides a summary of the Sevierville/Sevier County Joint Venture's net position for 2023 and 2022.

Table 1
Net Position

	Governmental-Type Activities	
	2023	2022
<u>ASSETS</u>		
Current and other assets	\$ 2,917,173	\$ 2,930,639
Capital assets	1,068,840	1,224,183
Total assets	<u>\$ 3,986,013</u>	<u>\$ 4,154,822</u>
<u>LIABILITIES AND DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</u>		
Long-term liabilities	\$ -	\$ -
Other liabilities	37,414	56,967
Total liabilities	<u>\$ 37,414</u>	<u>\$ 56,967</u>
Deferred inflows of resources - lease revenues	<u>\$ 528,741</u>	<u>\$ 850,734</u>
<u>NET POSITION</u>		
Investment in capital assets	\$ 1,068,840	\$ 1,224,183
Unrestricted	2,351,018	2,022,938
Total net position	<u>\$ 3,419,858</u>	<u>\$ 3,247,121</u>

Table 2 provides a summary of the Sevierville/Sevier County Joint Venture's changes in net assets for 2023 and 2022.

Table 2
Changes in Net Position

	Governmental-Type Activities	
	2023	2022
Revenue:		
Program revenue:		
Operating grants and contributions	\$ -	\$ -
Capital grants and contributions	-	-
Charges for services	136,651	148,790
General revenue:		
Taxes:		
Local sales taxes	141,782	134,384
Intergovernmental revenues	314,313	302,031
Other revenues	416,798	361,921
Total revenue	1,009,544	947,126
Program expenses:		
Stadium operations	836,807	780,538
Total program expenses	836,807	780,538
Change in net position	172,737	166,588
Beginning net position	3,247,121	3,080,533
Ending net position	\$ 3,419,858	\$ 3,247,121

Governmental-Type Activities

Local and state sales taxes make up 45 percent of total revenues; other revenues, consisting primarily of stadium rental, make up 41 percent of total revenues; and charges for services make up 14 percent of total revenues for 2023. Local and state sales taxes were a slightly lower percentage of total revenues, charges for services were a slightly lower percentage of total revenues and other revenues were a higher percentage of total revenues for 2023 when compared to 2022. Most expenses in 2023 and 2022 are for the operations of the stadium facility. The 2023 expenses increased due to higher stadium contracted management and security services, utilities services and maintenance expenses when compared to 2022. The biggest factor regarding these changes resulted from higher stadium maintenance expenses and lighting changes to the facility when compared to 2022.

The *Statement of Activities* shows the cost of program services and the charges for services and grants offsetting those services. Table 3 shows the total cost of services and the net cost of services. That is, it identifies the cost of these services supported by local sales tax revenue, State Intergovernmental Sales Tax and other general revenues.

Table 3
Total Cost of Services

	Total Cost of Services		Net Cost (Benefit) of Services	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
Stadium operations	\$ 836,807	\$ 780,538	\$ 700,156	\$ 631,748
	\$ 836,807	\$ 780,538	\$ 700,156	\$ 631,748

Stadium Operations includes activities of Joint Venture's operations of a multi-use stadium facility for the play of minor league baseball, other sporting events, concerts and exhibits, and other events. These expenses include staffing, utilities, maintenance and repairs, and other expenses.

THE JOINT VENTURE'S FUNDS

Information about the Joint Venture's major fund (General Fund) is detailed in the Fund Financial Statements Section of the financial statements. This fund is accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. All governmental funds had total revenues of \$1,009,544 and expenditures of \$681,464. The revenues exceeded expenses by \$328,080.

As the Joint Venture completed the year, its governmental fund had a fund balance of \$2,351,018 in 2023 as compared to \$2,022,938 in 2022. The increase resulted from local sales taxes and intergovernmental state sales tax increasing as the local economy continued to grow along with an increase in tourism in the area. Operating expenses increased due to higher contracted management and security services, utilities services and maintenance expenses. When compared to normal annual expenditures for governmental operations, we consider our fund balance to place the Joint Venture in a very strong financial position to carry out its mission.

GENERAL FUND BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

The Joint Venture's operating budget is prepared annually and approved by the appointed City and County Stadium Advisory Board. The budget is based on accounting for certain transactions on a basis of cash receipts, disbursements and encumbrances. The only fund budget is the General Fund. There was only one minor budget amendment to the originally adopted budget for the 2023 fiscal year. The budget approved for the General Fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 is comparable to 2023 with increases to reflect inflationary changes in expenditures and the play of a normal 70 game 2024 minor league home season being played at the stadium facility.

CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets – Governmental-Type Activities

At the end of fiscal years 2023 and 2022, the Joint Venture had \$1,068,840 and \$1,224,183, respectively, invested in land, buildings and improvements, machinery and equipment, and infrastructure. Table 4 shows fiscal 2023 and 2022 balances.

Table 4
Capital Assets (Net of Depreciation) at June 30

	Governmental-Type Activities	
	2023	2022
Capital assets not being depreciated: Land	\$ -	\$ -
Capital assets, being depreciated:		
Land and improvements	1,396,951	1,396,950
Buildings and improvements	1,725,238	1,725,239
Machinery and equipment	156,248	156,247
Furniture and signage	146,784	146,785
	<u>3,425,221</u>	<u>3,425,221</u>
	3,425,221	3,425,221
Less: accumulated depreciation	<u>2,356,381</u>	<u>2,201,038</u>
Governmental activities capital assets, net of depreciation	<u>\$ 1,068,840</u>	<u>\$ 1,224,183</u>

Debt Administration

The Joint Venture has not historically issued long-term debt for the acquisition of major equipment or vehicles and has no current plans to issue long-term debt as the Joint Venture participants have issued long-term debt for major stadium construction or improvements. Management does not plan any debt issues to occur during the 2024 fiscal year.

CURRENT FINANCIAL ISSUES AND CONCERNS

Governmental-Type Activities

The Sevierville/Sevier County Joint Venture is located in the northeastern part of the State of Tennessee in Sevierville, Tennessee. It derives some economic benefit from the tremendous tourist activity created by the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and its stadium location adjacent to US Interstate 40. The National Park, which is located in the center of the eastern half of the United States, is readily accessible to 70% of the country's population, and each year draws the largest attendance of any of the national parks. Tourist and recreational facilities in Sevierville, Gatlinburg and Pigeon Forge also generate tourist travel into the stadium area. The current focus of management of the Joint Venture is maintaining the current stadium facilities and attracting special events for the stadium facilities to increase economic activity in Sevierville and Sevier County. Management expects a normal 70-game home season for the Tennessee Smokies, an affiliate double A team of the Chicago Cubs, during 2024.

Boyd Sports, LLC, the owner of the baseball franchise, has received development approval with a Knoxville/Knox County Joint Venture sport authority that will relocate the team to a new stadium in Knoxville, most likely for the 2025 baseball season. Sevierville/Sevier County Joint Venture leadership is discussing potential uses for the stadium and stadium land post-baseball.

CONTACTING THE JOINT VENTURE'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, investors and creditors with a general overview of the Sevierville/Sevier County Joint Venture's finances and to show the Joint Venture's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact Lynn McClurg, Finance Director of the City of Sevierville, P.O. Box 5500, Sevierville, TN 37864.

SEVIERVILLE/SEVIER COUNTY JOINT VENTURE

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

June 30, 2023

<u>Assets</u>	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
Current assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,198,580
Accounts receivable	37,219
Leases receivable - current portion	338,323
Due from other governments	152,633
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Total current assets	2,726,755
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Other assets:	
Leases receivable - long-term portion	190,418
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Capital assets:	
Depreciable capital assets	3,425,221
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(2,356,381)
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Total capital assets	1,068,840
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Total assets	3,986,013
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<u>Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Net Position</u>	
Current liabilities:	
Accounts payable	36,114
Event deposit paid in advance	1,300
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Total current liabilities	37,414
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Total liabilities	37,414
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Deferred inflows of resources:	
Deferred revenue from leases	528,741
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Net position:	
Investment in capital assets	1,068,840
Unrestricted	2,351,018
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Total net position	\$ 3,419,858
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

SEVIERVILLE/SEVIER COUNTY JOINT VENTURE

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Expenses	Program Revenues		Net Revenue (Expense) and Change in Net Position	
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Total Governmental Activities
<u>Functions/Programs</u>					
Primary government					
Governmental activities:					
Stadium operations	\$ 836,807	\$ 136,651	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (700,156)
Total governmental activities	<u>\$ 836,807</u>	<u>\$ 136,651</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>(700,156)</u>
General revenues:					
Taxes:					
Local sales taxes					141,782
Intergovernmental revenues					314,313
Other revenues					<u>416,798</u>
Total general revenues					<u>872,893</u>
Change in net position					172,737
Net position - beginning					<u>3,247,121</u>
Net position - ending					<u>\$ 3,419,858</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

SEVIERVILLE/SEVIER COUNTY JOINT VENTURE

BALANCE SHEETS - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

June 30, 2023
 (With Comparative Totals for June 30, 2022)

	General Fund	Total Governmental Funds	
		2023	2022
<u>Assets</u>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,198,580	\$ 2,198,580	\$ 1,902,509
Accounts receivable	37,219	37,219	28,386
Leases receivable	528,741	528,741	850,734
Due from other governments	152,633	152,633	149,010
Total assets	<u>\$ 2,917,173</u>	<u>\$ 2,917,173</u>	<u>\$ 2,930,639</u>
<u>Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balance</u>			
Liabilities:			
Accounts payable	\$ 36,114	\$ 36,114	\$ 55,667
Event deposits	1,300	1,300	1,300
Total liabilities	<u>37,414</u>	<u>37,414</u>	<u>56,967</u>
Deferred inflows of resources:			
Deferred revenues from leases	<u>528,741</u>	<u>528,741</u>	<u>850,734</u>
Fund balance:			
Non-spendable	-	-	-
Unassigned	<u>2,351,018</u>	<u>2,351,018</u>	<u>2,022,938</u>
Total fund balance	<u>2,351,018</u>	<u>2,351,018</u>	<u>2,022,938</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balance	<u>\$ 2,917,173</u>	<u>\$ 2,917,173</u>	<u>\$ 2,930,639</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral
 part of these financial statements.

SEVIERVILLE/SEVIER COUNTY JOINT VENTURE
 RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET
 TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

June 30, 2023

Total fund balances--governmental funds	\$ 2,351,018
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported as assets in governmental funds. The cost of the assets is \$3,425,221 and the accumulated depreciation is \$2,356,381.	1,068,840
Total net position--governmental activities	\$ 3,419,858

The accompanying notes are an integral
part of these financial statements.

SEVIERVILLE/SEVIER COUNTY JOINT VENTURE
 STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -
 GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

For the Year Ended June 30, 2023
 (With Comparative Totals for the Year Ended June 30, 2022)

	General Fund	Total Governmental Funds	
		2023	2022
Revenues:			
Local taxes	\$ 141,782	\$ 141,782	\$ 134,384
Intergovernmental revenue	314,313	314,313	302,031
Charges for services, net	136,651	136,651	148,790
Other revenues	416,798	416,798	361,921
Total revenues	<u>1,009,544</u>	<u>1,009,544</u>	<u>947,126</u>
Expenditures:			
Personnel services	126,304	126,304	117,040
Contractual services	487,311	487,311	434,808
Fixed charges	67,849	67,849	66,580
Total expenditures	<u>681,464</u>	<u>681,464</u>	<u>618,428</u>
Net change in fund balance	328,080	328,080	328,698
Fund balance, beginning	<u>2,022,938</u>	<u>2,022,938</u>	<u>1,694,240</u>
Fund balance, ending	<u>\$ 2,351,018</u>	<u>\$ 2,351,018</u>	<u>\$ 2,022,938</u>

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 part of these financial statements.

SEVIERVILLE/SEVIER COUNTY JOINT VENTURE

RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS STATEMENT OF REVENUES,
EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

Total net changes in fund balances--governmental funds	\$ 328,080
Capital outlays are reported in governmental funds as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlays (\$0) were exceeded by depreciation expense (\$155,344) in the period.	(155,344)
Rounding	<u>1</u>
Changes in net position of governmental activities	<u><u>\$ 172,737</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

SEVIERVILLE/SEVIER COUNTY JOINT VENTURE

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2023

1. Summary of Significant Accounting PoliciesGeneral Statement

The Sevierville/Sevier County Joint Venture is a joint venture between the City of Sevierville, Tennessee and Sevier County, Tennessee established for the purpose of the leasing, operation and management of a multi-use stadium facility and tourism welcome center located in Sevierville, Tennessee. The joint venture collects lease payments from the lessee for use of the stadium facility, parking lot and restaurant. The Joint Venture receives local and state sales tax collections pursuant to TCA 67-6-103(d) derived from the facility's sporting events. The Joint Venture is responsible for the maintenance of the facility. The City of Sevierville has a 70% undivided interest in this joint venture and Sevier County has a 30% undivided interest in this joint venture.

Financial Reporting Entity

The Joint Venture's basic financial statements include the accounts of all its operations.

Basis of Presentation

The Joint Venture follows provisions of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 34, "Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments." It requires the classification of net position into three components – net investment in capital assets; restricted; and unrestricted. The classifications are defined as follows:

Net investment in capital assets – This component of net position consists of capital assets, including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by borrowings/liabilities that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets. If there are significant unspent related debt proceeds at year-end, the portion of the debt attributable to the unspent proceeds are not included in the calculation of net investment in capital assets. Rather that portion of the debt is included in the same net position component as the unspent proceeds. There was \$0 of related liabilities at June 30, 2023.

Restricted – This component of net position consists of constraints placed on net position use through external constraints imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments or constraints imposed by law through constitutional provisions of enabling legislation.

Unrestricted net position – This component of net position consists of net position that does not meet the definition of "restricted" or "net investment in capital assets."

The Joint Venture's basic financial statements consist of government-wide statements, including a statement of net position and a statement of activities, and fund financial statements which provide a more detailed level of financial information.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(Continued)1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)Basis of Presentation (Continued)**Government-Wide Financial Statements:**

The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the Joint Venture as a whole.

The statement of net position presents the financial condition of the governmental activities of the Joint Venture at year-end. The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for its one program function, operation of a multi-use stadium facility.

Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a service, program or department and therefore clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include charges paid by the recipient of the goods or services offered by the program, grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program and interest earned on grants that is required to be used to support a particular program. Revenues which are not classified as program revenues are presented as general revenues of the Joint Venture. The comparison of direct expenses with program revenues identifies the extent to which each governmental function is self-financing or draws from the general revenues of the Joint Venture.

Fund Financial Statements:

The Joint Venture segregates transactions related to its only function of activity in a separate fund in order to aid financial management and to demonstrate legal compliance. Fund financial statements are designed to present financial information of the Joint Venture at this more detailed level. The focus of governmental fund financial statements is on major funds. Each major fund is presented in a separate column. Nonmajor funds are aggregated and presented in a single column, if present. The Joint Venture has only one general fund for its functional purpose, which is presented as a major fund.

Governmental Funds:

Governmental funds are those through which most governmental functions typically are financed. Governmental funds reporting focuses on the sources, uses and balances of current financial resources. Expendable assets are assigned to the various governmental funds according to the purpose for which they must be used. Current liabilities are assigned to the fund from which they will be paid. The difference between governmental fund assets and liabilities is reported as fund balance. The following is the Joint Venture's major fund:

General Fund – The general fund is the general operating fund of the Joint Venture. It is used to account for all financial resources.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(Continued)1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)Measurement Focus**Government-Wide Financial Statements:**

The government-wide financial statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus. All assets and liabilities associated with the operation of the Joint Venture are included on the statement of net position.

Fund Financial Statements:

The governmental fund is accounted for using a flow of current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities generally are included on the balance sheet. The statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances reports on the sources (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and uses (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) of current financial resources. This approach differs from the manner in which the governmental activities of the government-wide financial statements are prepared. Governmental fund financial statements therefore include a reconciliation with brief explanations to better identify the relationship between the government-wide statements and the statements of the governmental fund.

Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting determines when transactions are recorded in the financial records and reported on the financial statements. Government-wide financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Governmental funds use the modified accrual basis of accounting. Differences in the accrual and the modified accrual basis of accounting arise in the recognition of revenue, the recording of deferred revenue, and in the presentation of expense versus expenditure.

Revenues – Exchange and Nonexchange Transactions:

Revenue resulting from exchange transactions, in which each party gives and receives essentially equal value, is recorded on the accrual basis when the exchange takes place. On a modified accrual basis, revenue is recorded in the fiscal year in which the resources are measurable and become available. Available means that the resources will be collected within the current fiscal year or are expected to be collected soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current fiscal year. For the Joint Venture, available means expected to be received within sixty days of fiscal year-end.

Nonexchange transactions, in which the Joint Venture receives value without directly giving equal value in return, include grants, entitlements and donations. Revenue from grants, entitlements and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the year when the resources are required to be used or the fiscal year when use is first permitted, matching requirements, in which the Joint Venture must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose, and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the Joint Venture on a reimbursement basis. On a modified accrual basis, revenue from nonexchange transactions must also be available before it can be recognized.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(Continued)1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)Basis of Accounting (Continued)**Revenues – Exchange and Nonexchange Transactions (Continued):**

Under the modified accrual basis, the following revenue sources are considered to be both measurable and available at fiscal year end: local sales taxes, charges for services, interest income and intergovernmental revenue.

Deferred Revenue:

Deferred revenue arises when assets are recognized before revenue recognition criteria have been satisfied.

On governmental fund financial statements, receivables that will not be collected within the available period have also been reported as deferred revenue.

Fund Balances:

GASB Statement No. 54, "Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions" states that the objective is to enhance the usefulness of fund balance information by providing clearer fund balance classifications that can be more consistently applied and by clarifying the existing governmental fund type definitions.

This Statement provides more clearly defined fund balance categories to make the nature and extent of the constraints placed on a government's fund balance more transparent. The following classifications describe the relative strength of the spending constraints placed on the purposes for which resources can be used:

Non-spendable, such as fund balance associated with inventories, prepaids, long-term loans and notes receivable, and property held for resale (unless the proceeds are restricted, committed, or assigned),

Restricted fund balance category includes amounts that can be spent only for the specific purposes stipulated by constitution, donors, grantors, or through enabling legislation,

Committed fund balance classification includes amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes determined by a formal action of the governing bodies of the participating joint venture owners (the Joint Venture's highest level of decision making authority) and can be removed in a like manner,

Assigned fund balance classifications are intended to be used by the government for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed; specific items allocated to or removed from this classification would require formal action of the governing bodies of the participating joint venture owners (the Joint Venture's highest level of decision making authority), and

SEVIERVILLE/SEVIER COUNTY JOINT VENTURE

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(Continued)1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)Basis of Accounting (Continued)**Fund Balances (Continued):**

Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the government's general fund and includes all spendable amounts not contained in the other classifications.

If the Joint Venture has an expenditure that is incurred for purposes of multiple account classification, the Joint Venture's policy is to apply the expenditures in the following order: non-spendable fund balance, restricted fund balance, committed fund balance, assigned fund balance, and unassigned fund balance.

First, non-spendable fund balances are determined. Then restricted fund balances for specific purposes are determined (not including non-spendable amounts). Then any remaining fund balance amounts for the non-general funds are classified.

It is possible for the non-general funds to have negative unassigned fund balance when non-spendable amounts plus the restricted fund balances for specific purposes amounts exceed the positive fund balance for the non-general fund. As of June 30, 2023, the entire General Fund's fund balance was classified as unassigned fund balance.

Expenses/Expenditures:

On the accrual basis of accounting, expenses are recognized at the time they are incurred.

The measurement focus of governmental fund accounting is on decreases in net financial resources (expenditures) rather than expenses. Expenditures are generally recognized in the accounting period in which the related fund liability is incurred, if measurable. Allocation of costs, such as depreciation and amortization, are not recognized in governmental funds.

Budgetary Procedures and Budgetary Accounting

Prior to the beginning of the fiscal year, the Stadium Advisory Committee (as the authoritative body by decision of the governing boards of the participating owners) prepares and approves an operating budget. All supplemental changes must also be approved by the Advisory Committee.

Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the Statement of Net 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 so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then.

SEVIERVILLE/SEVIER COUNTY JOINT VENTURE

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(Continued)1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources (Continued)

In addition to liabilities, the Statement of Net 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.

The Joint Venture does not presently have items that qualify for reporting as deferred outflows and only one item qualified for reporting as a deferred inflow of resources, referred to in the financial presentation as deferred revenue from leases.

Recently Issued and Adopted Accounting Pronouncements

GASB has issued the following recent statements and implementation guide that are effective in the current year:

Statement No. 96, *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangement*
Statement No. 99, *Omnibus 2022*

The adoption of these pronouncements has not had any significant impact on the Joint Venture.

Joint Venture/Leases

The City of Sevierville is a participant with Sevier County in a joint venture to operate a multi-use stadium facility constructed by the City and County as discussed above. The appointed joint venture advisory board from time to time has used operating revenues to construct or purchase land improvements, building improvements, equipment and fixtures to enhance or maintain the multi-use stadium facility. The City and County (lessors) entered into non-cancelable lease agreements in 2000 with the Tennessee Smokies, Inc. (lessee), an affiliate entity of Southern League Baseball; to use the stadium facility and restaurant area within the stadium for the play of double A baseball and related concession sales by their team, the Tennessee Smokies. The team is currently affiliated with the Chicago Cubs of Major League Baseball. The initial lease of the stadium facility was for 25 years ending in March 2025. The restaurant lease was for a shorter span of time and has been extended several times. The current restaurant lease is for a period of five years and ends in March 2025.

The lessee was responsible for paying rent to the stadium advisory board in the amount of \$150,000 semi-annually through March 2025 under the terms of the lease agreement for the multi-use stadium facility and \$5,000 per month under the terms of the lease agreement for use of the restaurant facility. The Joint Venture recognizes a lease receivable and a deferred inflow of resources in the government-wide and governmental fund financial statements.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(Continued)1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)Joint Venture/Leases (Continued)

At the commencement of a lease, the Joint Venture initially measures the lease receivable at the present value of payments expected to be received during the lease term. Subsequently, the lease receivable is reduced by the principal portion of lease payments received. The deferred inflow of resources is initially measured as the initial amount of the lease receivable, adjusted for lease payments received at or before the lease commencement date. Subsequently, the deferred inflow of resources is recognized as revenue over the life of the lease term.

Key estimates and judgments include how the Joint Venture determines (1) the discount rate it uses to discount the expected lease receipts to present value, (2) lease term, and (3) lease receipts.

- The Joint Venture uses its estimated incremental borrowing rate as the discount rate for leases (5.0% per annum).
- The lease term includes the non-cancellable period of the lease and all extension options that are expected to be exercised. Lease receipts included in the measurement of the lease receivables are composed of fixed payments from the lessee.

The Joint Venture monitors changes in circumstances that would require a remeasurement of its lease and will remeasure the lease receivable and deferred inflows of resources if certain changes occur that are expected to significantly affect the amount of the lease receivable.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

For purposes of these financial statements, the Joint Venture considers all highly liquid investments (including restricted assets) having an original maturity date of less than three months to be cash equivalents.

Capital Assets

General capital assets result from expenditures in the governmental funds. These assets are reported in the governmental activities column of the government-wide statement of net position but are not reported in the fund financial statements.

All capital assets are capitalized at cost or estimated historical cost and updated for additions and retirements during the year. Donated capital assets are recorded at their estimated fair market values as of the date received. Net interest costs during construction periods are capitalized for assets acquired by the issuance of long-term debt. Major additions and improvements are capitalized; the costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend an asset's life are charged to operations.

SEVIERVILLE/SEVIER COUNTY JOINT VENTURE

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(Continued)1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)Capital Assets (Continued)**Governmental Activity**

Governmental activities maintain a capitalization threshold of five hundred dollars.

All reported capital assets except for land are depreciated. Improvements are depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related capital assets. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Estimated Useful Lives</u>
Land improvements	15 - 40 years
Buildings and improvements	15 - 25 years
Furniture and fixtures	15 - 20 years
Machinery and equipment	3 - 15 years

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 estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of 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.

Comparative Data

Comparative totals for the prior year have been presented in some required supplementary information in order to provide an understanding of changes in financial position and operations. However, presentation of prior year totals by fund type has not been presented in each of the statements since their inclusion would make the statements unduly complex and difficult to read.

2. Cash and Cash Equivalents

At June 30, 2023, cash and cash equivalents consisted of two unrestricted checking accounts totaling \$720,105 and cash in a local government investment pool of \$1,478,475. The Joint Venture's checking accounts are held in the name of the City of Sevierville. These accounts were fully insured through FDIC Insurance Coverage with any remaining balance collateralized through the State of Tennessee Bank Collateral Pool. Investment policies of the Joint Venture follow state law and bond requirements prohibiting investments that are not secured or insured by the U.S. Government.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(Continued)3. Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable at June 30, 2023 consisted of the following:

Other receivables	\$ 37,219
Utilities and reimbursements	<u> -</u>
	<u>\$ 37,219</u>

4. Capital Assets

Governmental capital asset activity for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023 was as follows:

<u>Governmental Activities</u>	Balance June 30, 2022	Additions	Deductions	Balance June 30, 2023
Land	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Capital assets, being depreciated:				
Land and improvements	1,396,950	-	(1)	1,396,951
Buildings and improvements	1,725,239	-	1	1,725,238
Machinery and equipment	156,247	-	(1)	156,248
Furniture and signage	146,785	-	1	146,784
Total capital assets, being depreciated	<u>3,425,221</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,425,221</u>
Less accumulated depreciation:				
Land and improvements	892,943	64,128	-	957,071
Buildings and improvements	1,005,062	91,216	-	1,096,278
Machinery and equipment	156,249	-	-	156,249
Furniture and signage	146,784	-	1	146,783
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>2,201,038</u>	<u>155,344</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2,356,381</u>
Capital assets, being depreciated, net	<u>1,224,183</u>	<u>(155,344)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	<u>1,068,840</u>
Governmental activities capital assets, net	<u>\$ 1,224,183</u>	<u>\$ (155,344)</u>	<u>\$ (1)</u>	<u>\$ 1,068,840</u>

Depreciation expense was charged to governmental functions as follows:

Baseball stadium operations	<u>\$ 155,344</u>
Total depreciation expense	<u>\$ 155,344</u>

The original cost of constructing the stadium facility was borne by the City of Sevierville and Sevier County according to their respective interests and is not included in these financial statements.

SEVIERVILLE/SEVIER COUNTY JOINT VENTURE

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(Continued)5. Long-Term Debt

The bonded debt that was issued to finance the construction of the stadium facility is reported on the financial statements of the City of Sevierville and Sevier County according to their respective interests and is not included in these financial statements. Any subsequent issuance of debt will be treated in the same manner. Cash flow generated by the Joint Venture is anticipated to be used to repay the financing obligations as they become due, however, there is no requirement that they do so.

6. Leases

The Joint Venture leases its facilities as follows:

The stadium facility lease is in effect until March 15, 2025 at the rate of \$300,000 per baseball season, due in installments of \$150,000 on June 15 and December 15 each year.

The restaurant lease (leased to the same lessee as the stadium facility) is in effect beginning March 15, 2020 through March 15, 2025. The annual lease rental payment is \$60,000 per year, due in monthly installments of \$5,000 during the first five years of the lease.

Future lease payments and related interest income to be recognized are as follows:

	<u>Stadium - Lease</u>	<u>Stadium - Interest</u>	<u>Restaurant - Lease</u>	<u>Restaurant - Interest</u>
2024	\$ 282,062	\$ 17,938	\$ 56,261	\$ 3,739
2025	<u>146,341</u>	<u>3,659</u>	<u>44,077</u>	<u>923</u>
	<u>\$ 428,403</u>	<u>\$ 21,597</u>	<u>\$ 100,338</u>	<u>\$ 4,662</u>

7. Risk Management

The Joint Venture is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries; and natural disasters. The Joint Venture, City of Sevierville and Sevier County purchase commercial insurance for all these risks of loss and there were no settlements exceeding coverage for any of the last three years.

8. Subsequent Events

Management has evaluated subsequent events through February 16, 2024, the date on which the financial statements were available to be issued.

OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

SEVIERVILLE/SEVIER COUNTY JOINT VENTURE
GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCE - OPERATING BUDGET AND ACTUAL

For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual
Revenues:			
Local taxes:			
Local option sales tax	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 141,782
Intergovernmental revenue:			
State sales tax	200,000	200,000	314,313
Charges for services:			
Parking lot collections, net of cost	35,000	35,000	64,645
Special events, net of cost	60,000	60,000	72,006
Total charges for services	95,000	95,000	136,651
Other revenues:			
Lease of property - stadium facility	300,000	300,000	268,471
Lease of property - automatic teller machines and other equipment	-	-	70
Lease of restaurant	60,000	60,000	53,522
Interest earnings - lease receivables	-	-	38,007
Interest earnings	1,000	1,000	56,728
Total other revenues	361,000	361,000	416,798
Total revenues	756,000	756,000	1,009,544
Expenditures:			
Personnel services	126,304	127,061	126,304
Contractual services	373,200	373,200	487,311
Supplies	500	500	-
Fixed charges	72,000	72,000	67,849
Capital outlays	52,500	52,500	-
Total expenditures	624,504	625,261	681,464
Excess of revenues over expenditures	131,496	130,739	328,080
Fund balance, beginning	2,022,938	2,022,938	2,022,938
Fund balance, ending	\$ 2,154,434	\$ 2,153,677	\$ 2,351,018

The accompanying notes are an integral
part of these financial statements.

INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE SECTION

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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**

Stadium Advisory Board
Sevierville, Tennessee

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, the financial statements of the governmental activities and the governmental fund of the Sevierville/Sevier County Joint Venture, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Sevierville/Sevier County Joint Venture's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated February 16, 2024.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Sevierville/Sevier County Joint Venture'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 Sevierville/Sevier County Joint Venture's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Sevierville/Sevier County Joint Venture'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 combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity'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 and significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Joint Venture's financial statements are free of 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*.

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 entity'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 entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brannabe & McDavid, PC". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

Knoxville, Tennessee
February 16, 2024

SEVIERVILLE/SEVIER COUNTY JOINT VENTURE
SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS
June 30, 2023

There were no prior year findings.