

Sheriff of Brevard County, Florida

Audit Executive Summary

May 1, 2024



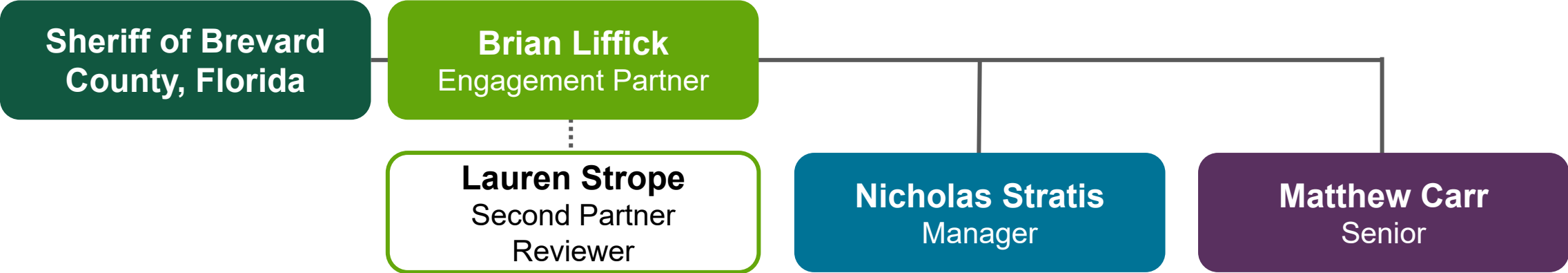
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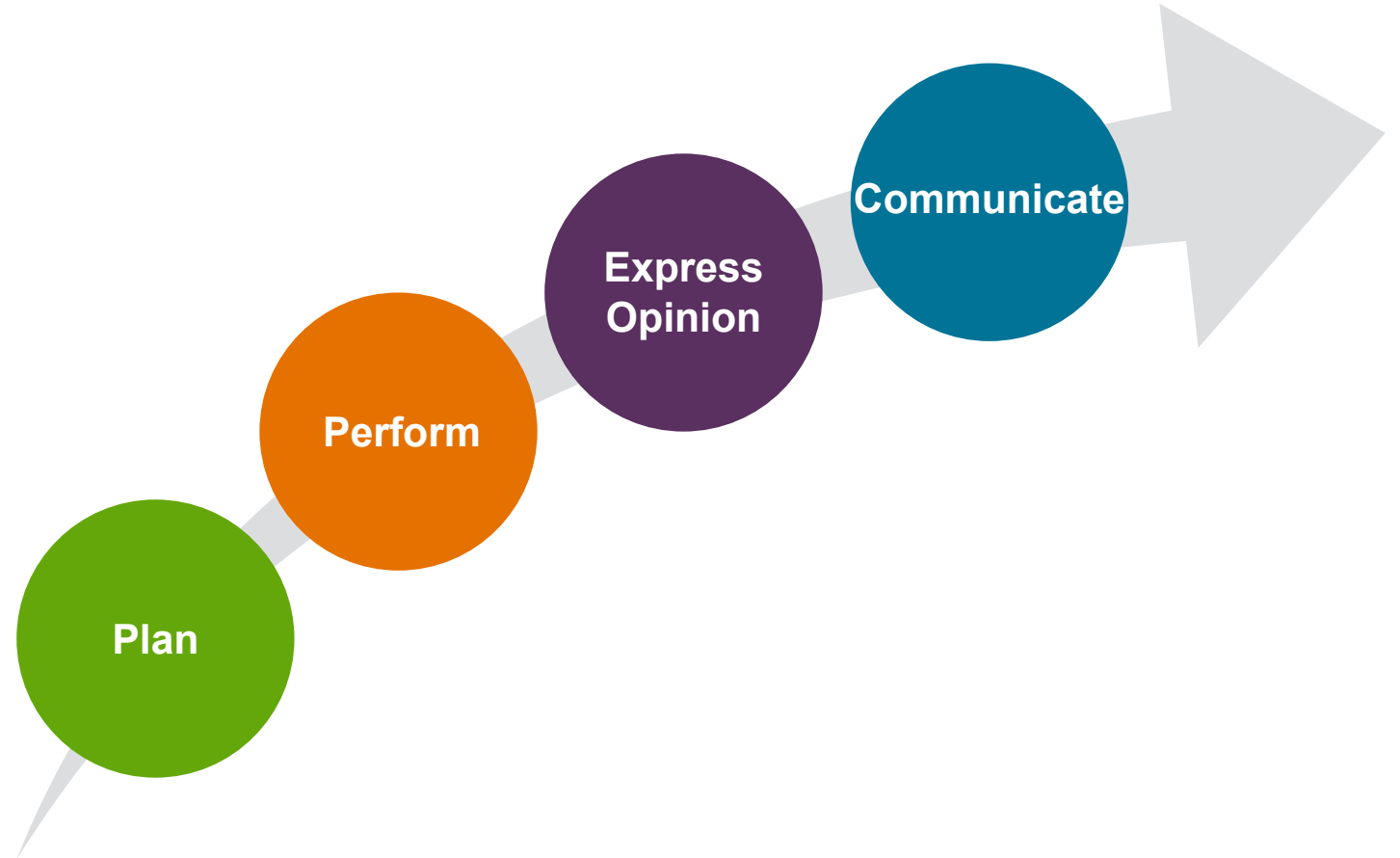
Client Service Team



Results of the Audit

We have audited the financial statements of Sheriff of Brevard County, Florida (the “Sheriff”) for the year ended September 30, 2023, and we have issued our report thereon dated May 1, 2024.

We have issued an unmodified of opinion on the financial statements.



Internal Control Communication

In planning and performing our audit, we considered 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 opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Sheriff’s internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Sheriff’s internal control.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and, therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. In addition, because of inherent limitations in internal control, including the possibility of management override of controls, misstatements due to error or fraud may occur and not be detected by such controls.

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.



Internal Control Communication

Material Weakness

- ▶ 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 Sheriff's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis.

Significant Deficiency

- ▶ 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.

There were no significant deficiencies or material weakness reported.



Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are clearly trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management.

Corrected Misstatements

▶ None noted.

Uncorrected Misstatements

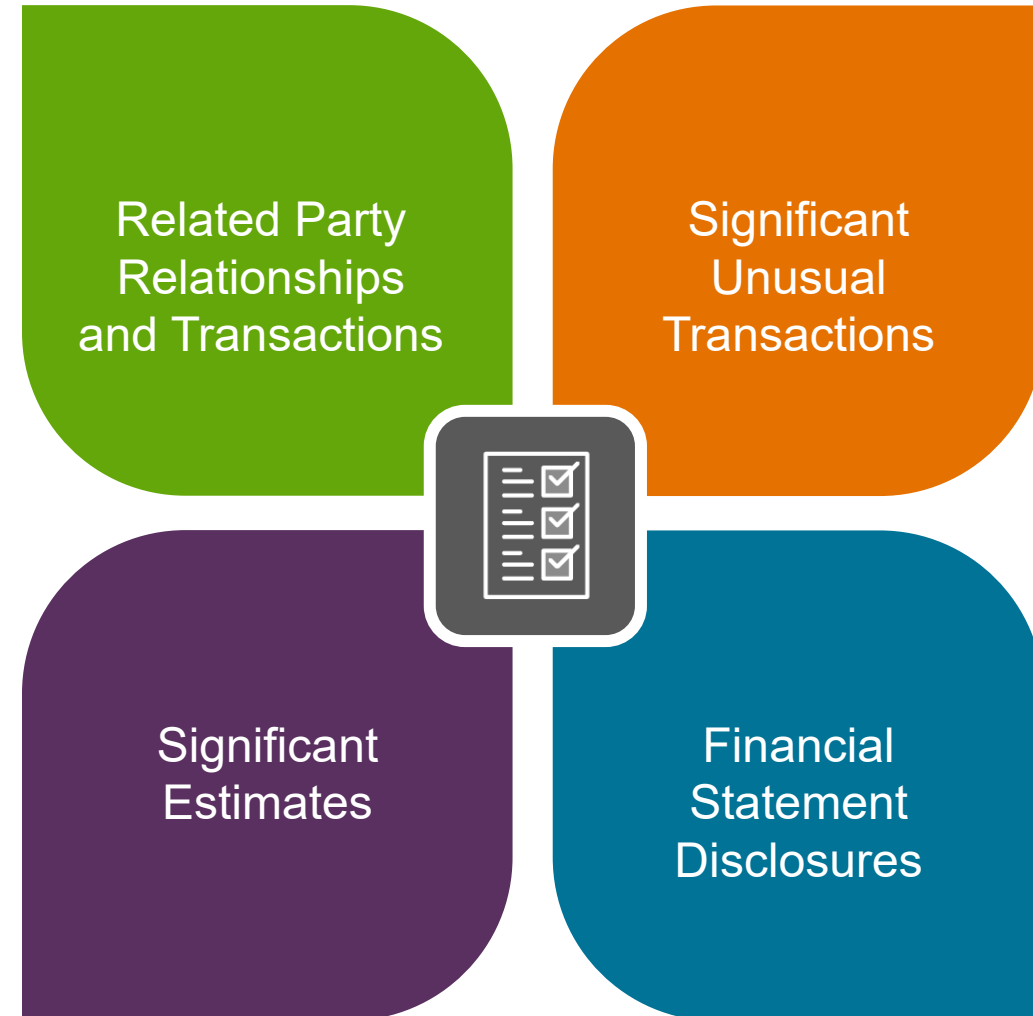
▶ None noted.



Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by the Sheriff are described in Note 1 to the financial statements.

As described in the notes to the financial statements, the Sheriff changed accounting policies related to recognition and disclosure of subscription based information technology arrangements by adopting Statement of Governmental Accounting Standards Board 96, *Subscription Based Information Technology Arrangements*, in fiscal year 2023. No other accounting policies were adopted, and the application of other existing policies were not changed during the year. We noted no inappropriate accounting policies or practices.

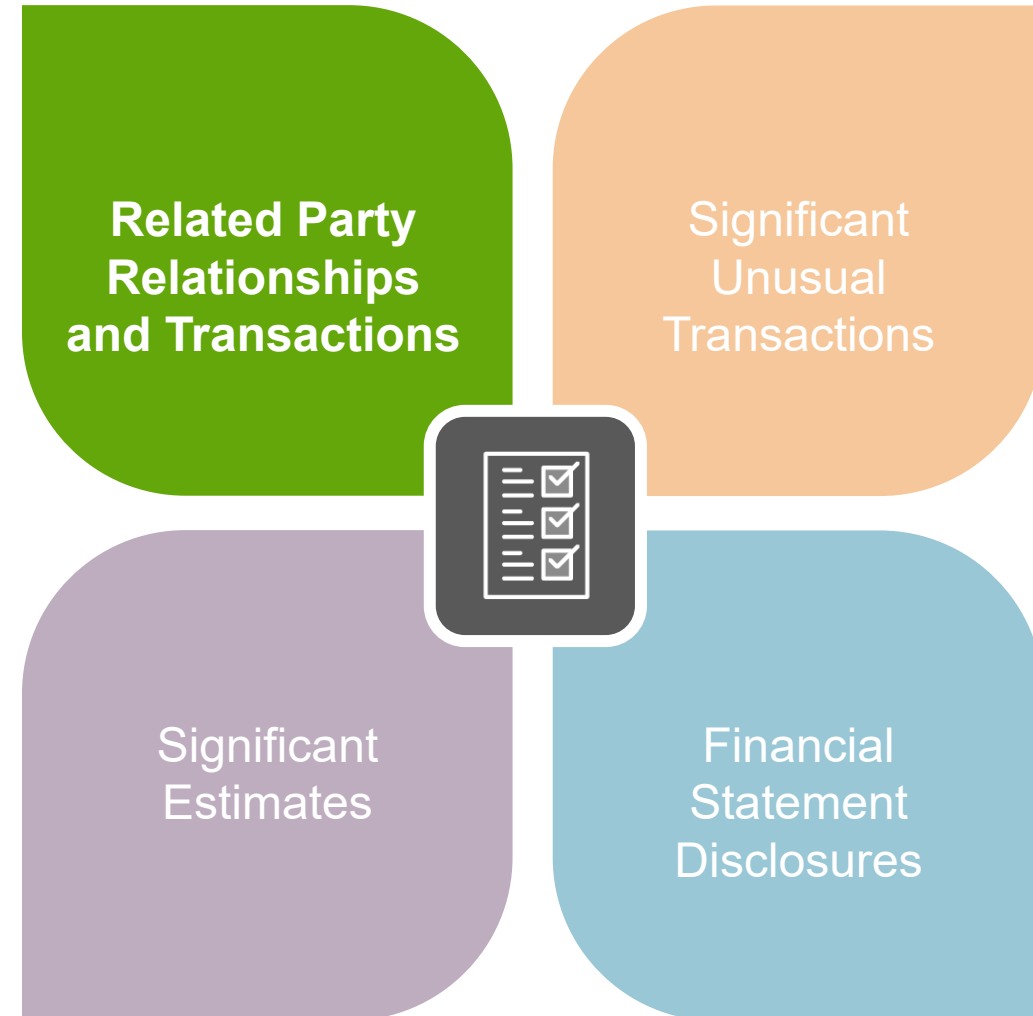


Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

As part of our audit, we evaluated the Sheriff's identification of, accounting for, and disclosure of the Sheriff's relationships and transactions with related parties as required by professional standards.

We noted none of the following:

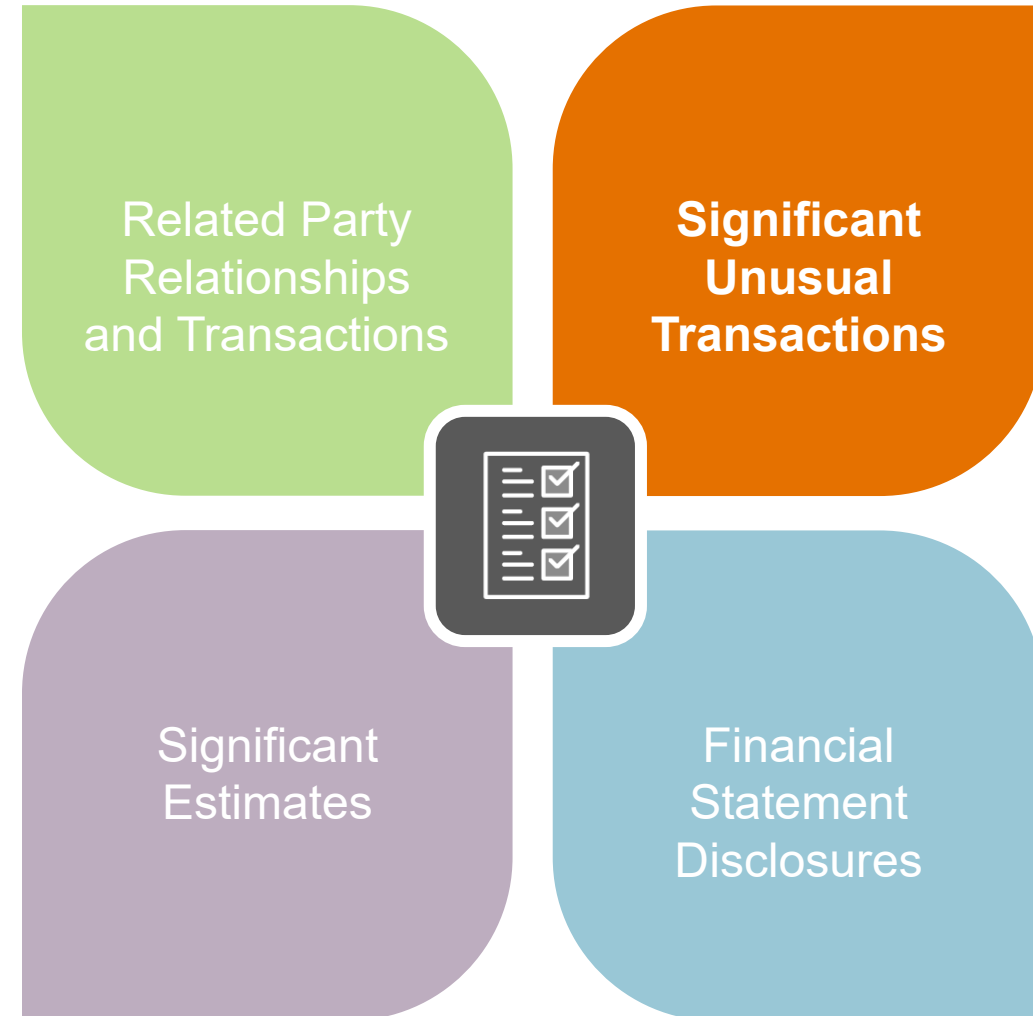
- Related parties or related party relationships or transactions that were previously undisclosed to us;
- Significant related party transactions that have not been approved in accordance with the Sheriff's policies or procedures or for which exceptions to the Sheriff's policies or procedures were granted;
- Significant related party transactions that appeared to lack a business purpose;
- Noncompliance with applicable laws or regulations prohibiting or restricting specific types of related party transactions; and
- Difficulties in identifying the party that ultimately controls the Sheriff.



Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

We noted no transactions entered into by the Sheriff's 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.

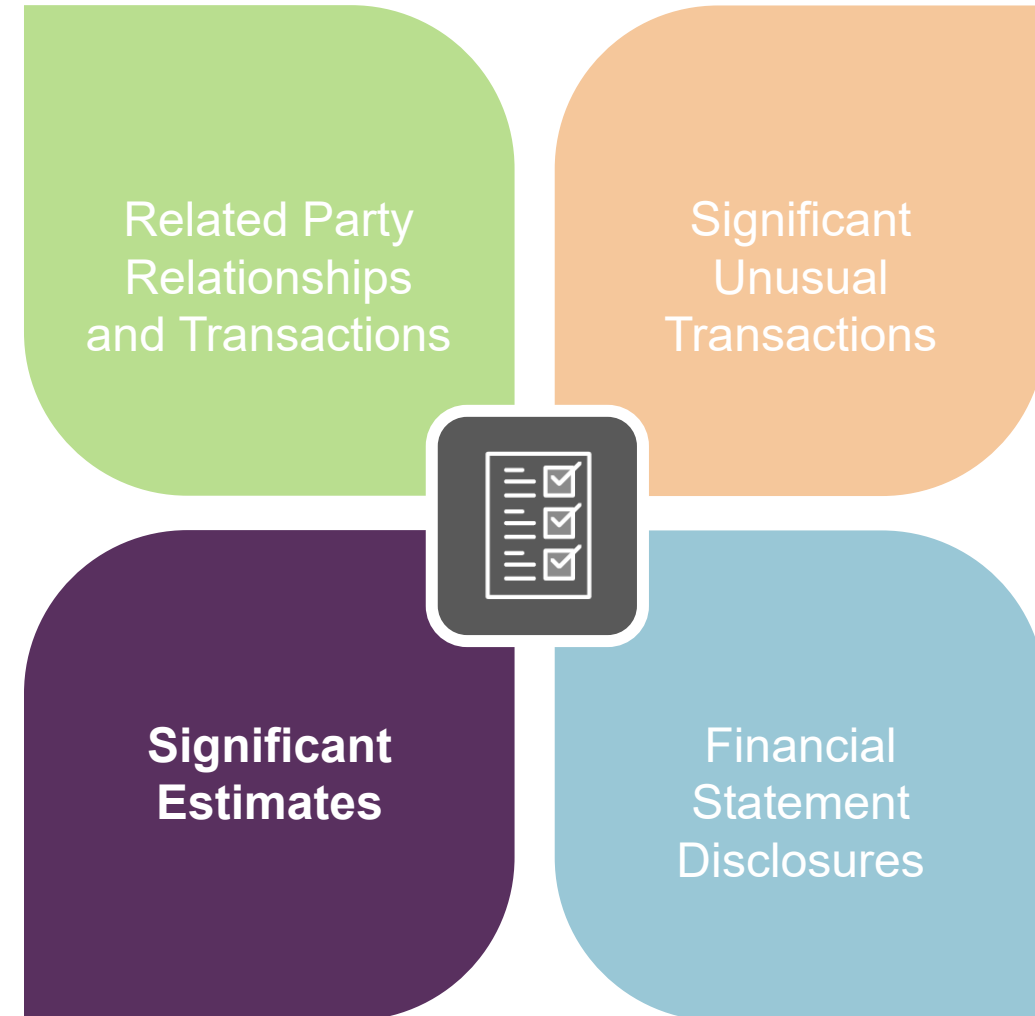
For purposes of this presentation, professional standards define significant unusual transactions as transactions that are outside the normal course of business for the Sheriff or that otherwise appear to be unusual due to their timing, size, or nature. We noted no significant unusual transactions during our audit.



Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

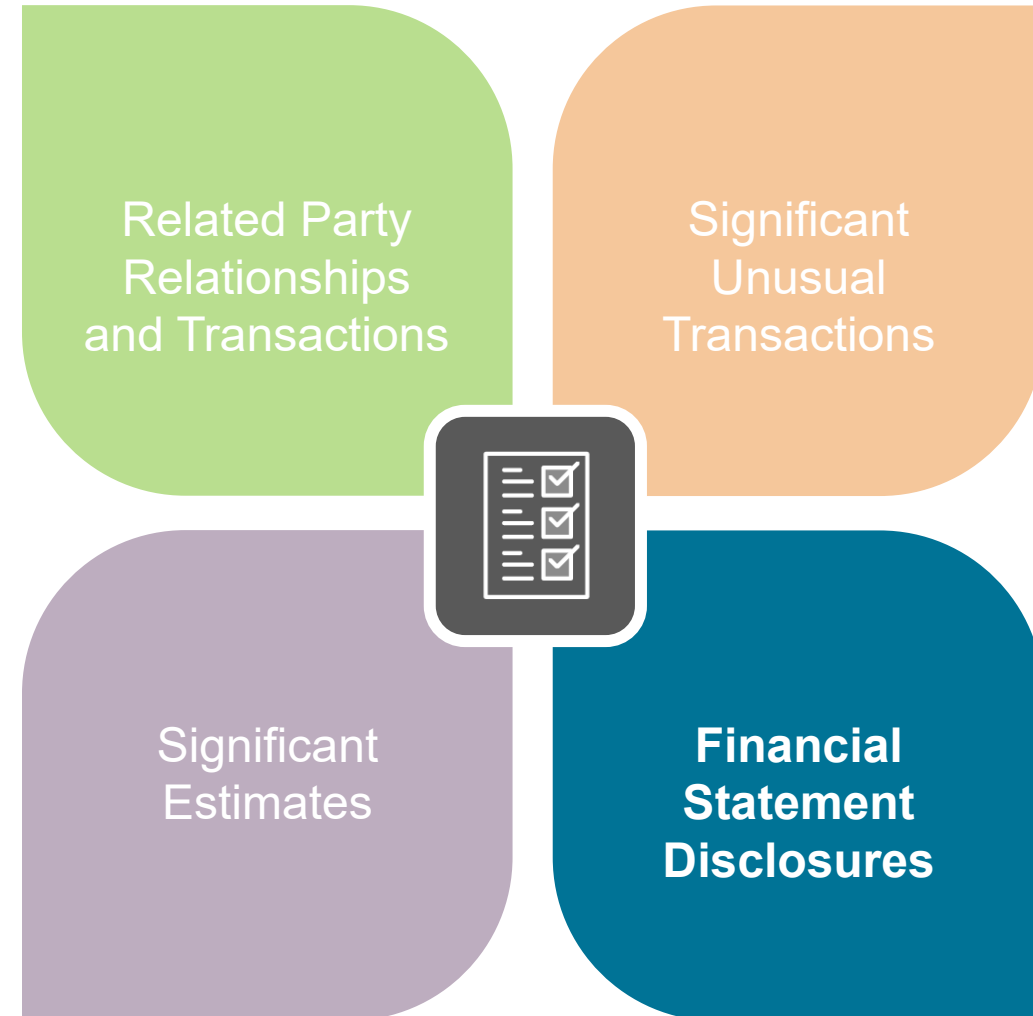
Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance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

The Sheriff had no such accounting estimates.



Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

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



Independence Considerations

Nonattest Services

- ▶ For all nonattest services we perform, you are responsible for designating a competent employee to oversee the services, make any management decisions, perform any management functions related to the services, evaluate the adequacy of the services, and accept overall responsibility for the results of the services.

Independence Conclusion

- ▶ We are not aware of any other circumstances or relationships that create threats to auditor independence.
- ▶ We are independent of the Sheriff and have met our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit.



Other Required Communications

Difficulties Encountered

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

Disagreements with Management

Includes disagreements on a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report.

We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

Auditor Consultations

We noted no matters that are difficult or contentious for which the auditor consulted outside the engagement team.

Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated May 1, 2024.



Other Required Communications

Management Consultations

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.

To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

Other Findings or Issues

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year.

These discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

Fraud and Illegal Acts

As of the date of this presentation, no fraud, illegal acts, or violations of laws and regulations noted.

Going Concern

No events or conditions noted that indicate substantial doubt about the Sheriff’s ability to continue as a going concern.



Other Matters

Supplementary Information

The Sheriff's audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Sheriff's financial statements. The combining nonmajor fund financial statements and nonmajor budgetary comparison schedules are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the 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 financial statements. Such 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 financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining nonmajor fund financial statements and nonmajor budgetary comparison schedules are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.



Upcoming Financial Reporting Changes

These standards will be effective for the Sheriff in the upcoming years and may have a significant impact on the Sheriff's financial reporting.

We would be happy to discuss with management the potential impacts on the Sheriff's financial statements and how we may be able to assist in the implementation efforts.

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*Accounting
Changes and Error
Corrections*

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Questions

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