

# Highland Rescue Team Ambulance District

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Annual Financial Report

December 31, 2024 and 2023




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## Independent Auditors' Report

To the Board of Directors  
Highland Rescue Team Ambulance District

### Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and the major fund of Highland Rescue Team Ambulance District as of and for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023 and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District'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 fund of Highland Rescue Team Ambulance District, as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, 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. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of Highland Rescue Team Ambulance District, 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 these 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 Highland Rescue Team Ambulance District'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.

### Auditors' 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 auditors' report that includes our opinion.

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 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, 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 Highland Rescue Team Ambulance District'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 Highland Rescue Team Ambulance District'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 and budgetary comparison schedule for the General Fund, as listed in the table of contents, 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.

### **Supplementary Information**

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise Highland Rescue Team Ambulance District's basic financial statements. The supplementary information section is presented for purposes of additional analysis 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 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 supplementary information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

*Haynie & Company*

Littleton, Colorado  
July 30, 2025

# **Highland Rescue Team Ambulance District Management's Discussion and Analysis December 31, 2024**

Within this section of the Highland Rescue Team Ambulance District's (District) financial report, the District's management provides narrative discussion and analysis of the financial activities of the District for the year ended December 31, 2024. The District's financial performance is discussed and analyzed within the context of the accompanying financial statements and disclosures following this section. The discussion focuses on the District's primary government.

## **FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- The District's assets exceed liabilities by \$1,954,501 (net position) at December 31, 2024. This compares to the previous year when assets exceeded liabilities by \$1,675,760.
- Total net position is comprised of the following:
  - Capital assets of \$857,204 include property and equipment net of accumulated depreciation.
  - Net position of \$30,645 is restricted by constraints imposed from outside the District.
  - Unrestricted net position of \$1,066,652 represents the portion available to maintain the District's continuing obligations to citizens and creditors.
- Total fund revenues increased by \$340,334 compared to the year ended December 31, 2023, due primarily to increase in property taxes.
- Total fund expenses increased by \$110,540 compared to the year ended December 31, 2023, due primarily to increased costs of operations, safety and training, LOSAP, and capital outlay.

## **Overview of the Basic Financial Statements**

*Management's Discussion and Analysis* introduces the District's basic financial statements. The District's basic financial statements include: (1) government-wide financial statements, (2) fund financial statements, (3) notes to basic financial statements and (4) required supplementary information. The District also includes in this report additional information to supplement the basic financial statements.

## **Government-wide Financial Statements**

The District's financial report includes two government-wide financial statements. These statements provide both long-term and short-term information about the District's overall status. Financial reporting at this level uses a perspective similar to that found in the private sector with its basis in full accrual accounting and elimination or reclassification of internal activities.

The first of these government-wide statements is the *Statement of Net Position*. This is the District-wide statement of financial position presenting information that includes all of the District's assets and liabilities, with the difference reported as *net position*. Increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the District as a whole is improving or deteriorating. Evaluation of the overall economic health of the District would extend to other non-financial factors such as diversification of the taxpayer base or the condition of the District's capital assets in addition to the financial information provided in this report.

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The second government-wide statement is the *Statement of Activities*, which reports how the District's net position has changed during the current year. All current year revenues and expenses are included regardless of when cash is received or paid. An important purpose of the design of the statement of activities is to show the financial reliance of the District's distinct activities or functions on revenues provided by intergovernmental contributions.

Both government-wide financial statements distinctively report governmental activities of the District that are principally supported by intergovernmental contributions. Governmental activities include general government, emergency medical response, training, communications, vehicles and equipment operations. Fiduciary activities such as the employee 457 retirement plan and the volunteer length of service plan are not included in the government-wide statements since these assets are not available to fund District programs.

## **Fund Financial Statements**

A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The District, like other special purpose governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with financial-related legal requirements. The basic financial statements of the District are presented as a special purpose government engaged only in governmental type activities providing emergency medical response to District residents.

*Governmental Funds* are reported in the fund financial statements and encompass essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, the focus is very different with fund statements providing a distinct view of the District's governmental funds. These statements report short-term fiscal accountability focusing on the use of spendable resources during the year and balances of spendable resources available at the end of the year. They are useful in evaluating annual financial requirements of governmental programs and the commitment of spendable resources for the near-term.

Since the government-wide focus includes the long-term view, comparisons between these two perspectives may provide insight into the long-term impact of short-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide reconciliation to the government-wide statements to assist in understanding the differences between these two perspectives.

Budgetary comparison statements are included in the basic financial statements for the general fund. This comparison demonstrates compliance with the District's adopted and final amended budget.

## **Notes to Basic Financial Statements**

The accompanying notes to the financial statements provide information essential to a full understanding of the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements begin immediately following the basic financial statements.

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Management's Discussion and Analysis  
December 31, 2024**

**Other Supplementary Information and Supplementary Information**

In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents *Other Supplementary Information* which includes a Summary of Assessed Valuation, Mill Levy and Property Taxes Collected.

**Financial Analysis of the District as a Whole**

*Financial Position*

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of the District's financial health. In the case of the District, assets exceeded liabilities by \$1,954,501 for the year ended December 31, 2024.

The largest portion of the District's net position reflects its investment in capital assets, less any related debt used to acquire those assets that is still outstanding. The District uses these capital assets to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the District's investment in capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

The following table provides a summary of the changes in the District's Net Position at December 31, 2024.

**Summary of Statements of Net Position**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>Change</b>
<b>Assets</b>			
Current assets	\$ 2,098,003	\$ 1,663,463	\$ 434,540
Capital Assets, net	<u>857,204</u>	<u>915,912</u>	<u>(58,708)</u>
Total Assets	2,955,207	2,579,375	375,832
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Current liabilities	56,830	24,297	32,533
Deferred property tax revenue	845,125	844,158	967
Non-current liabilities	<u>98,751</u>	<u>35,160</u>	<u>63,591</u>
Total Liabilities	1,000,706	903,615	97,091
<b>Net Position</b>			
Net investment in capital assets	857,204	915,912	(58,708)
Restricted for emergencies	30,645	27,329	3,316
Unrestricted	<u>1,066,652</u>	<u>732,519</u>	<u>334,133</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 1,954,501</u>	<u>\$ 1,675,760</u>	<u>\$ 278,741</u>



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December 31, 2024**

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of the District's financial position. In the case of the District, assets exceeded liabilities for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023 by \$1,954,501 and \$1,675,760, respectively.

The largest portion of the District's net position reflects its investment in capital assets. The District uses these capital assets to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending.

Results of Operations

The following table shows the changes in the District's Net Position during the year.

**Summary of Statements of Activities**

<b>Revenues</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>Change</b>
Program revenue			
Charges for services, net	\$ 398,342	\$ 269,987	\$ 128,355
Operating grants and contributions	3,156	33,288	(30,132)
General revenue			
Property tax	899,256	672,521	226,735
Specific Ownership Taxes	54,733	48,362	6,371
Investment earnings	51,318	31,972	19,346
Other income	487	10,828	(10,341)
Total revenue	<u>1,407,292</u>	<u>1,066,958</u>	<u>340,334</u>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Ambulance service	<u>1,128,551</u>	<u>989,236</u>	<u>139,315</u>
Total expenses	1,128,551	989,236	139,315
<b>Change in Net Position</b>	278,741	77,722	201,019
<b>Net Position - Beginning of Year</b>	<u>1,675,760</u>	<u>1,598,038</u>	<u>77,722</u>
<b>Net Position - End of Year</b>	<u>\$ 1,954,501</u>	<u>\$ 1,675,760</u>	<u>\$ 278,741</u>

**Revenue:**

Overall revenue increased for the year ending December 31, 2024 by \$340,334 compared to the prior year. Fees for transports, evaluations and other medical services increased by approximately \$128,355 and property taxes increased by \$226,735.

**Expenses:**

District ambulance expenses increased by \$139,315 representing increased staffing, wages and benefits.

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Management's Discussion and Analysis  
December 31, 2024**

**Capital Assets**

The District's investment in capital assets at December 31, 2024 amounts to \$857,204 (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment in capital assets includes land, buildings and improvements, apparatus, equipment and furnishings. An analysis of changes in capital assets is as follows:

<b>Capital Assets</b>				<b>Percentage</b>
<b>December 31, 2024 and 2023</b>				<b>Change</b>
	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>Variance</b>	<b>Change</b>
Land	\$ 74,044	\$ 74,044	\$ -	0.00%
Ambulances	651,234	654,804	(3,570)	-0.55%
Medical equipment	54,824	253,975	(199,151)	-78.41%
Station furniture and equipment	19,758	93,272	(73,514)	-78.82%
Other response equipment	97,947	344,227	(246,280)	-71.55%
Buildings and improvements	<u>921,733</u>	<u>929,572</u>	<u>(7,839)</u>	-0.84%
Total capital assets	<u>1,819,540</u>	<u>2,349,894</u>	<u>(530,354)</u>	
Less: accumulated depreciation	(962,336)	(1,433,982)	471,646	
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	<u>\$ 857,204</u>	<u>\$ 915,912</u>	<u>\$ (58,708)</u>	

Significant capital additions purchased and assets retired during the year include the following:

**Additions:**

There were no significant purchases during the year.

**Retirements:**

The significant retirements in the current year consisted of the disposals of fully depreciated assets of medical equipment, station furniture and equipment, and other response equipment that are no longer in service.

Additional information on the District's capital assets can be found in Note 5 of this report.

**Long-term Obligations**

At the end of the current year, the District only had long-term obligations of compensated absences. Additional information on the District's long-term obligations can be found in Note 6 of this report.

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**Budgetary Highlights**

The District's annual budget is prepared according to Colorado law and it is based on accounting for certain transactions on a basis of cash receipts and disbursements.

The total revenue of the District was more than budgeted revenues by \$76,996. The total actual expenditures of the District were less than budgeted by \$256,954.

Additional information on the District's detailed Budget for the General fund can be found in page 17 of this report.

**Economic Factors and Next Year's Budget**

- Property taxes are budgeted for approximately \$845,125, based on an approved mill levy of 3.50 mills.
- Total revenues including net fees for services and taxes are budgeted for approximately \$1,438,854.
- Total expenditures are budgeted for approximately \$1,566,034, including capital outlay of \$513,200 and LOSAP contributions of \$50,000.

**Request for Information**

This report is designed to provide a general overview of the District's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional information should be addressed to.

**Ms. Laura Cardon  
District Administrator  
Highland Rescue Team Ambulance District  
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## **Basic Financial Statements**

**Highland Rescue Team Ambulance District**  
**Statements of Net Position**  
**December 31, 2024 and 2023**

<b>Assets</b>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Cash and cash equivalents		
Unrestricted	\$ 1,138,502	\$ 767,195
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$87,707 and \$130,943 as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively	86,794	19,230
Prepaid expenses	27,582	32,880
Property taxes receivable	845,125	844,158
Capital assets, net	857,204	915,912
Total assets	<u>\$ 2,955,207</u>	<u>\$ 2,579,375</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued payroll liabilities	\$ 56,830	\$ 24,297
Accrued LOSAP liability	50,424	35,160
Noncurrent liabilities:		
Due within one year	28,996	-
Due in more than one year	19,331	-
Total liabilities	<u>155,581</u>	<u>59,457</u>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>		
Deferred property tax revenue	845,125	844,158
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>845,125</u>	<u>844,158</u>
<b>Net Position</b>		
Net investment in capital assets	857,204	915,912
Restricted for emergencies	30,645	27,329
Unrestricted	1,066,652	732,519
Total net position	<u>1,954,501</u>	<u>1,675,760</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and net position	<u>\$ 2,955,207</u>	<u>\$ 2,579,375</u>

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

**Highland Rescue Team Ambulance District**  
**Statements of Activities**  
**For the Years Ended December 31, 2024 and 2023**

<u>Functions/Program Activities</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Program Revenues</u>			<u>Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position</u>	
		<u>Charges for Services</u>	<u>Operating Grants and Contribution</u>	<u>Capital Grants and Contribution</u>	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	
					<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Primary Government						
Ambulance service	\$ 1,036,984	398,342	3,156	-	\$ (635,486)	\$ (593,404)
Depreciation expense	<u>91,567</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(91,567)</u>	<u>(92,557)</u>
Total governmental activities	<u>\$ 1,128,551</u>	<u>\$ 398,342</u>	<u>\$ 3,156</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (727,053)</u>	<u>\$ (685,961)</u>
<b>General revenues:</b>						
Property tax				899,256	672,521	
Specific ownership taxes				54,733	48,362	
Investment earnings				51,318	31,972	
Other income				<u>487</u>	<u>10,828</u>	
Total general revenues				<u>1,005,794</u>	<u>763,683</u>	
<b>Change in net position</b>				278,741	77,722	
<b>Net position - beginning of year</b>				<u>1,675,760</u>	<u>1,598,038</u>	
<b>Net position - end of year</b>				<u>\$ 1,954,501</u>	<u>\$ 1,675,760</u>	

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

**Highland Rescue Team Ambulance District**  
**Governmental Funds Balance Sheets and**  
**Reconciliation of the Governmental Fund Balance Sheet**  
**with the Statement of Net Position**  
**December 31, 2024 and 2023**

	<b>General Fund</b>	
	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents		
Unrestricted	\$1,138,502	\$ 767,195
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$87,707 and \$130,943, respectively	86,794	19,230
Prepaid expenses	27,582	32,880
Property taxes receivable	845,125	844,158
Total assets	<b>\$ 2,098,003</b>	<b>\$ 1,663,463</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued payroll liabilities	56,830	24,297
Accrued LOSAP liability	50,424	35,160
Total liabilities	107,254	59,457
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>		
Deferred property tax revenue	845,125	844,158
Total deferred inflows of resources	845,125	844,158
<b>Fund Balances</b>		
Nonspendable for:		
Prepaid expenses	27,582	32,880
Restricted for:		
TABOR emergency reserves	30,645	27,329
Committed for:		
LOSAP payments	50,424	35,160
Unassigned for:		
General government	1,036,973	664,479
Total fund balance	1,145,624	759,848
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balances	<b>\$ 2,098,003</b>	<b>\$ 1,663,463</b>
<b>Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds</b>	<b>\$1,145,624</b>	<b>\$ 759,848</b>
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net assets excluded from the governmental fund balance because:		
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not current financial resources and are excluded from the funds.		
Governmental capital assets, net	857,204	915,912
Compensated absence are not payable with current resources	(48,327)	-
<b>Net position of governmental activities</b>	<b>\$ 1,954,501</b>	<b>\$ 1,675,760</b>

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

**Highland Rescue Team Ambulance District**  
**Governmental Fund Revenues, Expenditures,**  
**and Changes in Fund Balances**  
**For the Years Ended December 31, 2024 and 2023**

	<b>General Fund</b>	
	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>Revenues</b>		
Service revenue	\$ 542,014	\$ 483,565
Less: Allowances, fees and provisions for bad debts	(226,907)	(270,299)
Property taxes	899,256	672,521
Specific ownership tax	54,733	48,362
Grants	3,156	33,288
Team outsource	83,235	56,721
Investment income	51,318	31,972
Other income	487	10,828
Total Revenues	1,407,292	1,066,958
<b>Expenditures</b>		
Operations	550,872	487,743
Safety and training	46,931	33,118
Apparatus and equipment	28,993	39,756
Facilities/station	49,257	41,620
Administration	262,247	260,651
LOSAP	50,357	33,791
Capital outlay	32,859	14,297
Total Expenditures	1,021,516	910,976
<b>Excess of Expenditures over Revenues</b>	385,776	155,982
<b>Fund balances:</b>		
<b>Beginning of the year</b>	759,848	603,866
<b>End of the year</b>	\$ 1,145,624	\$ 759,848

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



**Highland Rescue Team Ambulance District**  
**Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures**  
**and Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds**  
**to the Statement of Activities**  
**December 31, 2024 and 2023**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>Net change in fund balance—total governmental funds</b>	\$ 385,776	\$ 155,982
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:		
Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.		
Compensated absences - change in liability	(48,327)	-
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of those assets is depreciated over their estimated useful lives.		
Current year depreciation	(91,567)	(92,557)
Capital outlay - capitalized portion	32,859	14,297
<b>Change in net position of governmental activities</b>	<b>\$ 278,741</b>	<b>\$ 77,722</b>

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

# Highland Rescue Team Ambulance District

## Notes to Financial Statements

### December 31, 2024 and 2023

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#### 1. Definition of Reporting Entity

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The District, a quasi-municipal corporation and political subdivision of the State of Colorado, was organized January 1, 2005 and is governed pursuant to the provisions of the Colorado Special District Act (Title 32, Article 1, Colorado Revised Statutes). The District's service area is located in Jefferson County. The District was established to provide emergency medical services for the Genesee Fire Protection District and the Foothills Fire Protection District residents. The District derives its revenue principally from service fees, property taxes, and grants.

On November 2, 2004, qualified electors in Jefferson County, Colorado approved the organization of the District effective January 1, 2005, and authorized an initial tax increase of up to \$275,000 and a mill levy of two mills. Upon organization of the District, Highland Rescue Team Ambulance Service, a not-for-profit corporation organized under Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code, was dissolved and the District assumed all of the assets and liabilities of Highland Rescue Team Ambulance Service.

The District follows the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) accounting pronouncements, which provide guidance for determining which governmental activities, organizations and functions should be included within the financial reporting entity. GASB pronouncements set forth the financial accountability of a governmental organization's elected governing body as the basic criterion for including a possible component governmental organization in a primary government's legal entity. Financial accountability includes, but is not limited to, appointment of a voting majority of the organization's governing body, ability to impose its will on the organization, a potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits or burdens and fiscal dependency.

The District, which is the primary government, is not considered a component unit of any other governmental unit under criteria established by Governmental Accounting Standards Board and does not engage in any Business-type activities.

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#### 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

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The financial statements of the Highland Rescue Team Ambulance District (District) have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (GAAP) as applied to governments. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for governmental accounting and financial reporting.

The most significant of the District's accounting policies are described below.

**Highland Rescue Team Ambulance District**  
**Notes to Financial Statements (continued)**  
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**2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

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**Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements**

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities) report information on all of the activities of the District, excluding fiduciary activities. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by taxes, charges for services and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support.

The Statement of Activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segments are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program revenues include: (1) charges to those who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment, and (2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as *general revenues*.

**Fund Financial Statements**

Fund financial statements are provided for governmental funds. The Fund Financial Statements provide information about the District's General Fund. The emphasis of fund financial statements is on major individual governmental funds, each of which is displayed in a separate column. All remaining governmental funds are aggregated and reported as non-major funds. The District only has one governmental fund.

**Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation**

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the *economic resources measurement focus* and the full *accrual basis of accounting*. Revenues are recorded when *earned*, and expenses are recorded when a liability is *incurred*, regardless of the timing of when the related cash flows take place.

Governmental funds are reported using the *current financial resources* measurement focus and the *modified accrual* basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recognized when *measurable* and *available*. The District considers all revenues reported in the governmental funds to be available if the revenues are collected within sixty days after year-end. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for principal and interest on general long-term debt, claims and judgments, and compensated absences, which are recognized as expenditures to the extent they have matured. Governmental capital asset acquisitions are reported as *expenditures* in governmental funds. Proceeds of governmental long-term debt and acquisitions under capital leases are reported as *other financing sources*.

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**2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

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The District reports the following major governmental funds:

**General Fund**

The General Fund is the District's general operating fund and is used to account for all financial transactions except those required to be accounted for in another fund. The major revenue sources are local property taxes and charges for services. Expenditures include all costs associated with the daily operations of the District.

**Cash and cash equivalents**

The District considers all highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents.

**Capital Assets**

Capital assets which include building and site improvements, ambulances and furnishings and medical equipment are reported in the government wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the District as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$500. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation.

The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend the life of the asset are not capitalized. Improvements are capitalized and depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the fixed assets, as applicable. Depreciation expense has been computed using the straight-line method for all assets, based on the estimated useful lives of the assets, which range from 5 to 30 years.

**Accounts receivable**

Accounts receivable are reported at their gross value and, when appropriate, are reduced by the estimated portion that is expected to be uncollectable. The allowance for doubtful accounts as of December 31, 2024 and 2023 was \$87,707 and \$130,943, respectively.

**Net Position and Fund Balance**

In the government-wide financial statements, net position is classified in the following categories:

- *Net Investment in Capital Assets* – This category groups all capital assets, including infrastructure, into one component of net position. Accumulated depreciation and the outstanding balances of debt that are attributable to the acquisition, construction or improvement of these assets reduce this category.
- *Restricted Net Position*– This category presents external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors or laws or regulations of other governments and restrictions imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

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**2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

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- *Unrestricted Net Position* – This category represents the net position of the District, which are not restricted for any project or other purpose. A deficit will require future funding.

Fund balance for governmental funds should be reported in classifications that comprise a hierarchy based on the extent to which the government is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which spending can occur. Governmental funds report up to five classifications of fund balance: nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned. Because circumstances differ among governments, not every government or every governmental fund will present all of these components. The following classifications describe the relative strength of the spending constraints:

- *Nonspendable fund balance* - The portion of fund balance that cannot be spent because it is either not in spendable form (such as prepaid amounts or inventory) or legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.
- *Restricted fund balance* - The portion of fund balance that is constrained to being used for a specific purpose by external parties (such as bondholders), constitutional provisions, or enabling legislation.
- *Committed fund balance* - The portion of fund balance that can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the government's highest level of decision-making authority, the Board of Directors. The constraint may be removed or changed only through formal action of the Board of Directors.
- *Assigned fund balance* - The portion of fund balance that is constrained by the government's intent to be used for specific purposes but is neither restricted nor committed. Intent is expressed by the Board of Directors to be used for a specific purpose. Constraints imposed on the use of assigned amounts are more easily removed or modified than those imposed on amounts that are classified as committed.
- *Unassigned fund balance* – amounts that are available for any purpose; positive amounts are reported only in the general fund.

If more than one classification of fund balance is available for use when an expenditure is incurred, it is the District's policy to use the most restrictive classification first.

As of December 31, 2024 and 2023, the District's fund balance had \$27,582 and \$32,880, respectively, in prepaid amounts that are non-spendable. Fund balance restricted by enabling legislation (for emergencies) was \$30,645 and \$27,329 for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively. The Board of Directors committed \$50,424 and \$35,160 for payments to employees under a Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP) for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023.

**Highland Rescue Team Ambulance District**  
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**2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

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The remaining fund balance was considered by the District to be unassigned. At December 31, 2024 and 2023, the District had an unassigned fund balance in the general fund of \$1,036,973 and \$664,479, respectively.

**Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

**Subsequent Events**

The District has evaluated subsequent events through July 30, 2025, the date which the financial statements were available to be issued. During this period, the District was not aware of any material recognizable subsequent events.

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**3. Stewardship, Compliance and Accountability**

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**Budgets and Budgetary Accounting**

Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year for the General and Pension Trust Funds. Formal budgetary integration is also employed to comply with the State of Colorado Budget Law. The amounts not included in non-GAAP budgetary basis schedules are reflected on the schedules in the budget section of this report.

The District's Board of Directors follow these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

1. Prior to October 15, the administrator submits to the District's Chief a proposed operating budget for the year commencing the following January 1. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them.
2. Public hearings are conducted by the Board of Directors to obtain taxpayer comments. The budget is formally adopted by a resolution of the Board after considering comments received, prior to December 31, and generally before December 15 to allow the District's members to finalize budgets and certify mill levies in consideration of their District funding obligation before statutory deadlines.

**Highland Rescue Team Ambulance District**  
**Notes to Financial Statements (continued)**  
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**3. Stewardship, Compliance and Accountability (continued)**

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**Property Taxes**

Property taxes are levied on December 22 of each year and attach as an enforceable lien on property as of January 1. Taxes are due as of January 1 of the following year and are payable in full by June 15 if paid in installments, or April 30 with a single payment. Taxes are delinquent as of June 16. If the taxes are not paid within subsequent statutory periods, the property will be sold at public auction. The County bills and collects the property taxes and remits collections to the District on a monthly basis. No provision has been made for uncollected taxes, in that the District's experience indicates that all material amounts will be collected and paid to the District.

**Compensated Absences**

Employees of the District are granted vacation which accrues monthly and sick time in the annual amount of 48 hours, based on individual length of employment. Sick time does not roll over into the following year while vacation time, limited to maximum amounts depending on length of employment, and compensatory time do roll over into following years.

**Tax, Spending and Revenue Limitations**

Colorado voters passed an amendment to the State Constitution, Article X, Section 20, which has several limitations including revenue raising, spending abilities, and other specific requirements of state and local governments.

The District's financial activity provides the basis for calculation of limitations adjusted for allowable increases tied to inflation and local growth.

The amendment excludes from its provisions Enterprises, defined as government-owned businesses authorized to issue revenue bonds and receiving less than 10 percent of their annual revenue in grants from all state and local governments combined.

The amendment is complex and subject to judicial interpretation. The District believes it is in compliance with the requirements of the amendment. However, the District has made certain interpretations in the amendment's language in order to determine its compliance.

TABOR requires local governments to establish Emergency Reserves. These reserves must be at least 3% of Fiscal Year Spending (excluding bonded debt service). The District had reserved \$30,645 and \$27,329 for this purpose for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

# Highland Rescue Team Ambulance District

## Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

### December 31, 2024 and 2023

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#### 3. Stewardship, Compliance and Accountability (continued)

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In November 2004, a majority of the District's electors authorized the District to collect and spend or retain in a reserve all currently levied taxes and fees of the District without regard to any limitations under TABOR, effective for the years 2004 and thereafter.

Management of the District is of the belief that it is in compliance with the provisions of TABOR. However, TABOR is complex and subject to interpretation. Many of the provisions, including the interpretation of how to calculate fiscal year spending limits may depend upon litigation and legislative guidance.

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#### 4. Cash and Investments

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##### *Custodial Credit Risks – Deposits*

Colorado state statutes govern the entity's deposits of cash. For deposits in excess of federally insured limits, Colorado Revised Statutes (CRS) require the depository institution to maintain collateral on deposit with an official custodian (as authorized by the State Banking Board). The Colorado Public Deposit Protection Act (PDPA) requires state regulators to certify eligible depositories for public deposit. PDPA requires the eligible depositories with public deposits in excess of the amounts insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) to create a single institutional collateral pool of obligations of the State of Colorado or local Colorado governments and obligations secured by first lien mortgages on real property located in the State. The pool is to be maintained by another institution or held in trust for all uninsured public deposits as a group. The market value of the assets in the pool must be at least 102% of the uninsured deposits. As of December 31, 2024, the District had cash deposits with a bank balance of \$59,423 and a carrying balance of \$59,094. The District's bank accounts and certificates of deposit at year-end were entirely covered by federal depository insurance or be collateral held by the District's custodial banks under provisions of the Colorado Public Depository Act.

##### *Investments*

Colorado statutes specify investment instruments meeting defined rating and risk criteria in which local governments may invest, which include:

- obligations of the United States and certain U.S. government agency securities,
- certain international agency securities,
- general obligation and revenue bonds of U.S. local government entities,
- bankers' acceptances of certain banks,
- commercial paper,
- written repurchase agreements collateralized by certain authorized securities,
- certain money market funds,
- guaranteed investment contracts, and



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**December 31, 2024 and 2023**

**4. Cash and Investments (continued)**

- local government investment pools.

*Custodial Credit Risk - Investments*

For investments, custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a failure of a counter party, the District would not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party.

*Interest Rate Risk*

Colorado Revised Statutes limit investment maturities to five years or less from the date of purchase. This limit on investments is the means of limiting exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

The District's investments are concentrated in local government investment pools.

Investments held as of December 31, 2024 and 2023 are as follows:

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
COLOTRUST	<u>\$ 1,079,408</u>	<u>\$ 722,153</u>

At December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively, the District had invested \$1,079,408 and \$722,153 in the Colorado Government Liquid Asset Trust (COLOTRUST), an investment vehicle established for local government entities in Colorado to pool surplus funds for investment purposes as authorized by state statute. COLOTRUST operates similarly to a money market fund and each share is equal in value to \$1.00. The designated custodial bank provides safekeeping and depository services to COLOTRUST in connection with the direct investment and withdrawal functions of COLOTRUST. All securities owned by COLOTRUST are held by the Federal Reserve Bank in the account maintained for the custodial bank. The custodian's internal records identify the investments owned by COLOTRUST. Investments of COLOTRUST consist of U.S. Treasury bills, notes and note strips and repurchase agreements collateralized by U.S. Treasury notes. At December 31, 2024 the District's investment in the COLOTRUST was rated AAAM by Standard & Poor's. COLOTRUST records its investments at fair value and the District records its investment in COLOTRUST on the net asset value method.

**5. Property, Plant & Equipment**

GASB Statement 34 requires that all capital assets with limited useful lives be depreciated over their estimated useful lives. Alternatively, the "modified approach" may be used for certain capital assets. Depreciation is not provided under this approach, but all expenditures on these assets are expensed, unless they are additions or improvements.

**Highland Rescue Team Ambulance District**  
**Notes to Financial Statements (continued)**  
**December 31, 2024 and 2023**

**5. Property, Plant & Equipment (continued)**

The purpose of depreciation is to spread the cost of capital assets equitably among all users over the life of these assets. The amount charged to depreciation expense each year represents that year's pro rata share of the cost of the capital assets.

Depreciation is provided using the straight-line method which means the cost of the asset is divided by its expected useful life in years and the result is charged to expense each year until the asset is fully depreciated.

The following table presents capital assets activity of the District for the year ended December 31, 2024:

	<b>Balance December 31, 2023</b>	<b>Transfers/ Additions</b>	<b>Transfers/ Retirements</b>	<b>Balance December 31, 2024</b>
Capital assets, not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 74,044	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 74,044
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	<u>74,044</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>74,044</u>
Capital assets, being depreciated:				
Ambulances	654,804	2,260	(5,830)	651,234
Medical equipment	253,975	2,200	(201,351)	54,824
Station furnishings and equipment	93,272	6,434	(79,948)	19,758
Other response equipment	344,227	8,968	(255,248)	97,947
Buildings and improvements	<u>929,572</u>	<u>12,997</u>	<u>(20,836)</u>	<u>921,733</u>
Total capital assets, being depreciated	<u>2,275,850</u>	<u>32,859</u>	<u>(563,213)</u>	<u>1,745,496</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Ambulances	(309,582)	(47,071)	5,830	(350,823)
Medical equipment	(235,427)	(6,291)	201,351	(40,367)
Station furnishings and equipment	(86,681)	(3,663)	79,948	(10,396)
Other response equipment	(335,746)	(5,272)	255,248	(85,770)
Buildings and improvements	<u>(466,546)</u>	<u>(29,270)</u>	<u>20,836</u>	<u>(474,980)</u>
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(1,433,982)</u>	<u>(91,567)</u>	<u>563,213</u>	<u>(962,336)</u>
Total capital assets, being depreciated, net	<u>841,868</u>	<u>(58,708)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>783,160</u>
Capital assets, net	<u>\$ 915,912</u>	<u>\$ (58,708)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 857,204</u>

**Highland Rescue Team Ambulance District**  
**Notes to Financial Statements (continued)**  
**December 31, 2024 and 2023**

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**5. Property, Plant & Equipment (continued)**

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Depreciation expense of \$91,567 and \$92,557 for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively, was charged to the Ambulance Service function.

Land had been acquired by the District in several components over the past twenty-five years and is currently utilized by the District for its structures, driveway and parking lot. The land itself has little to no market value since it is restricted in use by deeds. No value had been established for the land, so it had not been recorded on the financial statements. However, in 2018, land was contributed by another district, to which the County Assessor had recognized the transfer of land and assessed a value of \$74,044 in 2020.

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**6. Long-Term Debt**

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The following is a summary of long-term debt transactions for the governmental activities for the District for the year ended December 31, 2024:

	Balance December 31, 2023	Additions	Reductions	Balance December 31, 2024	Due Within One Year
Compensated Absences	\$ -	\$ 48,327	\$ -	\$ 48,327	\$ 28,996
Total long-term obligations	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 48,327</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 48,327</u>	<u>\$ 28,996</u>

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**7. Net Service Revenue**

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	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Service and outsource revenue	\$ 542,014	\$ 483,565
Allowances and disallowed revenue	(190,020)	(181,548)
Provisions for bad debt	<u>(36,887)</u>	<u>(88,751)</u>
Net service revenue	<u>\$ 315,107</u>	<u>\$ 213,266</u>

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**8. Retirement Plan**

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Effective January 1, 2006, the District adopted a 457(b) Governmental Deferred Compensation Plan (the Plan), which allows participating employees to defer a portion of their compensation as allowed under Internal Revenue Code Section 457(b). The District may make contributions to the Plan each year. During the year ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, employer contributions to the Plan totaled \$7,596 and \$7,094, respectively.

**Highland Rescue Team Ambulance District**  
**Notes to Financial Statements (continued)**  
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**8. Retirement Plan (continued)**

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During 2009, the District adopted a Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP), which provides tax deferred income benefits to eligible, active volunteer members of Highland Rescue Team. Benefits available to volunteer members are based on the member's years of active service. A participant in the LOSAP is 100% vested after five years of service and other criteria. During the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, the District accrued \$50,424 and \$35,160, respectively, to be contributed to the LOSAP.

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**9. Risk Management**

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The District is exposed to various risks of losses related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and natural disasters. Claims made against the District and losses incurred by the District are covered by commercial insurance for all major areas. There have been no significant reductions in insurance coverage in the current year and settlement amounts, if any, have not exceeded insurance coverage for any of the three preceding years.

# **HIGHLAND RESCUE TEAM AMBULANCE DISTRICT**

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**Required Supplementary Information**

**Highland Rescue Team Ambulance District**  
**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures**  
**and Changes in Fund Balance—Actual and Budget**  
**Governmental Fund Type—General Fund**  
**December 31, 2024**

	<u>Original and Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance - Favorable (Unfavorable)</u>
<b>Revenues</b>			
Service revenue	\$ 469,000	\$ 542,014	\$ 73,014
Provision for bad debts	(243,200)	(226,907)	16,293
Property taxes	829,996	899,256	69,260
Specific ownership tax	40,000	54,733	14,733
Grants	140,000	3,156	(136,844)
Team outsource	65,000	83,235	18,235
Investment income	27,500	51,318	23,818
Other income	2,000	487	(1,513)
	<u>1,330,296</u>	<u>1,407,292</u>	<u>76,996</u>
<b>Total Revenues</b>			
<b>Expenditures:</b>			
Operations	543,095	550,872	(7,777)
Safety and training	46,423	46,931	(508)
Apparatus and equipment	35,975	28,993	6,982
Facilities/station	55,150	49,257	5,893
Administration	259,374	262,247	(2,873)
LOSAP	50,000	50,357	(357)
Capital outlay	288,453	32,859	255,594
	<u>1,278,470</u>	<u>1,021,516</u>	<u>256,954</u>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>			
<b>Excess Revenue Over (Under)</b>			
<b>Expenditures</b>	<u>51,826</u>	<u>385,776</u>	<u>333,950</u>
<b>Fund Balance—Beginning of Year</b>	<u>545,953</u>	<u>759,848</u>	<u>213,895</u>
<b>Fund Balance—End of Year</b>	<u>\$ 597,779</u>	<u>\$ 1,145,624</u>	<u>\$ 547,845</u>

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

**HIGHLAND RESCUE TEAM AMBULANCE DISTRICT**

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**Other Supplementary Information**

# HIGHLAND RESCUE TEAM AMBULANCE DISTRICT

## Summary of Assessed Valuation, Mill Levy and Property Taxes Collected December 31, 2024

<u>Year Ended December 31,</u>	<u>Prior Year Assessed Valuation for Current Year Tax Levy</u>	<u>Mills Levied Operations</u>	<u>Total Property Taxes</u>		<u>Percent Collected to Levied</u>
			<u>Levied</u>	<u>Collected</u>	
2019	\$ 168,100,614	2.000	\$ 336,201	\$ 334,905	99.61%
2020	177,898,669	2.000	355,797	355,052	99.79%
2021	178,518,190	3.500	624,814	620,657	99.33%
2022	195,059,681	3.500	682,708	678,191	99.34%
2023	193,084,192	3.500	675,795	672,521	99.52%
2024	\$ 241,188,191	3.500	\$ 844,159	\$ 899,256	106.53%
Estimated for the year ending December 31, 2025	\$ 241,464,256	3.500	\$ 845,125		