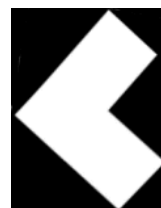


Economic Development Authority of the Town of Lawrenceville, Virginia

Comprehensive Annual Financial Report

Years Ended June 30, 2024 and 2023



***Creedle, Jones
& Associates, P.C.***
Certified Public Accountants

Economic Development Authority of the Town of Lawrenceville, Virginia

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors
Economic Development Authority of the Town of Lawrenceville, Virginia

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the business-type activities of the Economic Development Authority of the Town of Lawrenceville, Virginia as of and for the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements which collectively comprise the Economic Development Authority of the Town of Lawrenceville, Virginia'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 business-type activities of the Economic Development Authority of the Town of Lawrenceville, Virginia, as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the years 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, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and *Specifications for Audits of Authorities, Boards, and Commissions*, issued by the Auditor of Public Accounts of the Commonwealth of Virginia. Our responsibilities under those standards and specifications 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 Economic Development Authority of the Town of Lawrenceville, Virginia 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.

Change in Accounting Principle

As described in Note 3 to the financial statements, in 2024, the Authority adopted new accounting guidance, GASB Statement No. 99, Omnibus 2022 and No. 100, Accounting Changes and Error Corrections. Our opinion is not modified with respect to the matter.

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 Economic Development Authority of the Town of Lawrenceville, Virginia'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 Economic Development Authority of the Town of Lawrenceville, Virginia'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 Economic Development Authority of the Town of Lawrenceville, Virginia's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

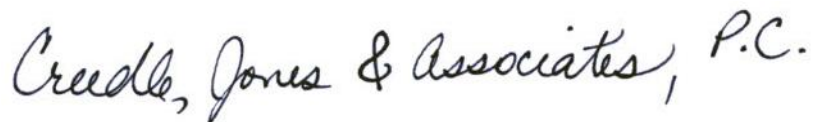
We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis on pages 1 through 3 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 Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated January 31, 2025, on our consideration of the Economic Development Authority of the Town of Lawrenceville, Virginia'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 Economic Development Authority of the Town of Lawrenceville, Virginia'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 the Economic Development Authority of the Town of Lawrenceville, Virginia's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Creedle, Jones & Associates, P.C." in a cursive, flowing script.

Creedle, Jones & Associates, P.C.
Certified Public Accountants

South Hill, Virginia
January 31, 2025

Economic Development Authority of the Town of Lawrenceville, Virginia

Management's Discussion and Analysis

As of June 30, 2024 and 2023

Our discussion and analysis of the Economic Development Authority of the Town of Lawrenceville, Virginia's financial performance provides an overview of the Authority's financial activities for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023. Please read this information in conjunction with the Economic Development Authority of the Town of Lawrenceville, Virginia's basic financial statements.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Economic Development Authority of the Town of Lawrenceville, Virginia (the "Authority") presents three basic financial statements. These are: (1) Statements of Net Position; (2) Statements of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position; and (3) Statements of Cash Flows.

Our financial position is measured in terms of resources (assets) we own and obligations (liabilities) we owe on a given date. This information is reported on the Statements of Net Position, which reflects the Authority's assets in relation to its debt to creditors. The excess of our assets over liabilities is our equity, or net position.

Information regarding the results of our operation during the year is reported in the Statements of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position. These statements show how much our overall net position increased or decreased during the year as a result of our operations and for other reasons.

Our Statements of Cash Flows disclose the flow of cash resources into and out of the Authority during the year and how we applied those funds.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Financial Position. A summary of the Authority's Statements of Net Position is presented below as of June 30, 2024 and 2023:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 273,410</u>	<u>\$ 434,636</u>
Total Liabilities	\$ -	\$ -
Net Position		
Net investment in capital assets	177,079	340,991
Unrestricted	<u>96,331</u>	<u>93,645</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Position	<u>\$ 273,410</u>	<u>\$ 434,636</u>

The net position of the Authority decreased by \$161,226 or 37.09% in FY24.

Change in Net Position. A summary of the Authority's Statements of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position for 2024 and 2023 is presented below:

Condensed Statements of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Operating Revenues	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,350
Operating Expenses	<u>(167,226)</u>	<u>(20,392)</u>
Net Operating Loss	<u>(161,226)</u>	<u>(14,042)</u>
Change in Net Position	<u>\$ (161,226)</u>	<u>\$ (14,042)</u>

The Authority's operating revenues consisted of rental income while operating expenses consisted primarily of repairs and maintenance, professional fees, and expenses related to the loss on sale of an asset and the subsequent contribution to the Town for gross proceeds received from the sale, which resulted in a decrease of \$161,226 in net position for the year ended June 30, 2024.

Cash Flows. A summary of the Authority's Statements of Cash Flows for 2024 and 2023 is presented below:

Condensed Statements of Cash Flows

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Cash Provided by (Used in)		
Operating activities	\$ (94,792)	\$ (6,968)
Capital and related financing activities	<u>98,978</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash	<u>\$ 4,186</u>	<u>\$ (6,968)</u>

Cash flows provided by operating activities consist of rental income less repairs and maintenance and professional fees, creating a positive cash flow.

During fiscal year 2024, there was an increase of \$4,186 in cash.

CAPITAL ASSETS AND LONG-TERM DEBT

Capital Assets. As of June 30, 2024, the Authority's net capital assets total \$177,079, which represents a net decrease of \$163,912 or 63.28% over the previous fiscal year.

Change in Capital Assets

	<u>Balance July 1, 2023</u>	<u>Net Additions and Deletions</u>	<u>Balance June 30, 2024</u>
Land	\$ 70,800	\$ (67,400)	\$ 3,400
Buildings and improvements	<u>342,995</u>	<u>(114,700)</u>	<u>228,295</u>
Total Capital Assets	413,795	(182,100)	231,695
Less: Accumulated depreciation	<u>72,804</u>	<u>(18,188)</u>	<u>54,616</u>
Net Capital Assets	<u>\$ 340,991</u>	<u>\$ (163,912)</u>	<u>\$ 177,079</u>

Long-Term Debt. As of June 30, 2024, the Authority has no outstanding long-term obligations.

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers, investors, and creditors with a general overview of the Authority's finances and to demonstrate the Authority's accountability for the money it receives. Questions concerning this report or requests for additional information should be directed to the Chair of the Economic Development Authority of the Town of Lawrenceville, Virginia, 400 North Main Street, Lawrenceville, Virginia 23868, telephone 434-848-2414.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Economic Development Authority of the Town of Lawrenceville, Virginia

Statements of Net Position

June 30, 2024 and 2023

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Assets		
Current Assets		
Cash	\$ 96,331	\$ 92,145
Rent receivable	-	1,500
	<u>96,331</u>	<u>93,645</u>
Total Current Assets	96,331	93,645
Capital Assets		
Land	3,400	70,800
Buildings and improvements	228,295	342,995
Less: Accumulated depreciation	<u>(54,616)</u>	<u>(72,804)</u>
Net Capital Assets	<u>177,079</u>	<u>340,991</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 273,410</u>	<u>\$ 434,636</u>
Liabilities and Net Position		
Liabilities	\$ -	\$ -
Net Position		
Net investment in capital assets	177,079	340,991
Unrestricted	<u>96,331</u>	<u>93,645</u>
Total Net Position	<u>273,410</u>	<u>434,636</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Position	<u>\$ 273,410</u>	<u>\$ 434,636</u>

See independent auditor's report and accompanying notes to the financial statements.

Economic Development Authority of the Town of Lawrenceville, Virginia

Statements of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position

Years Ended June 30, 2024 and 2023

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Operating Revenues		
Rental income	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000
Miscellaneous income	<u>-</u>	<u>350</u>
Total Operating Revenues	6,000	6,350
Operating Expenses		
Depreciation	6,902	8,574
Professional fees	1,735	1,600
Contribution to the Town	99,978	-
Miscellaneous	-	1,350
Repairs and maintenance	580	8,868
Loss on sale of asset	<u>58,031</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Operating Expenses	<u>167,226</u>	<u>20,392</u>
Net Operating Loss	<u>(161,226)</u>	<u>(14,042)</u>
Change in Net Position	(161,226)	(14,042)
Net Position - Beginning of Year	<u>434,636</u>	<u>448,678</u>
Net Position - End of Year	<u>\$ 273,410</u>	<u>\$ 434,636</u>

See independent auditor's report and accompanying notes to the financial statements.

Economic Development Authority of the Town of Lawrenceville, Virginia

Statements of Cash Flows

Years Ended June 30, 2024 and 2023

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Cash Flows from Operating Activities		
Receipts from customers	\$ 7,501	\$ 4,850
Payments to suppliers	<u>(102,293)</u>	<u>(11,818)</u>
Net Cash Used in Operating Activities	(94,792)	(6,968)
Cash Flows from Capital and Related Financing Activities		
Proceeds from sale of capital asset	<u>98,978</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Cash Provided by Capital and Related Financing Activities	<u>98,978</u>	<u>-</u>
Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	4,186	(6,968)
Cash and Cash Equivalents - Beginning of Year	<u>92,145</u>	<u>99,113</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents - End of Year	<u>\$ 96,331</u>	<u>\$ 92,145</u>
Reconciliation of Operating Loss to Net Cash Used in Operating Activities		
Operating loss	\$ (161,226)	\$ (14,042)
<i>Adjustments to reconcile operating loss to net cash used in operating activities</i>		
Depreciation	6,902	8,574
Loss on sale of asset	58,031	-
<i>Changes in assets and liabilities</i>		
Rent receivable	<u>1,501</u>	<u>(1,500)</u>
Net Cash Used in Operating Activities	<u>\$ (94,792)</u>	<u>\$ (6,968)</u>

See independent auditor's report and accompanying notes to the financial statements.

Economic Development Authority of the Town of Lawrenceville, Virginia

Notes to the Financial Statements

Year Ended June 30, 2024

1 Organization, Description of the Entity and Its Activities

The Economic Development Authority of the Town of Lawrenceville, Virginia, (the "Authority") was created by a resolution of the Town Council of Lawrenceville, Virginia (the "Town") dated March 2011 in accordance with Chapter 33, Title 15.1, of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended (the "Act"). The purpose of the Authority shall be to promote economic and industrial development in the greater Lawrenceville area.

The Authority is a separate and distinct entity from the Town of Lawrenceville, Virginia and is, in accordance with the Act, a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

A seven-member board appointed by the Town Council of the Town of Lawrenceville, Virginia governs the Authority. The directors are to serve staggered terms of one to four years each.

In addition, the Authority is authorized to issue revenue bonds for the purpose of obtaining and constructing facilities. The Authority may retain liability under the bonds or it may be assumed by the enterprise for which facilities are constructed. Collection of revenues pledged to liquidate the bonds may be assigned to a trustee. The revenue bonds are not deemed to constitute a debt or pledge of the faith and credit of the Commonwealth of Virginia or any municipality thereof. The bonds are payable solely from revenues generated from the lease of the facilities constructed and may be secured by a deed of trust on those facilities.

2 Determination of the Reporting Entity

For financial reporting purposes, in conformance with the principles of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, the Economic Development Authority of the Town of Lawrenceville, Virginia is a component unit of the Town of Lawrenceville, Virginia. The Authority is classified as a component unit because its members are appointed by the Town Council of the Town of Lawrenceville, Virginia and there is a potential for the Organization to provide specific financial benefits to the Town. The Authority is reported as a discretely presented component unit in the Town's financial report.

3 Significant Accounting Policies

Financial Statement Presentation

The financial statements of the Economic Development Authority of the Town of Lawrenceville, Virginia have been prepared in conformity with the specifications promulgated by the Auditor of Public Accounts (APA) of the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States as specified by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. The more significant of the Authority's accounting policies are described below:

Net Investment in Direct Financial Leases

The Authority may acquire and improve properties and retain title to them. Where bargain purchase options or other lease provisions do not reasonably assure transfer of title at the completion of a lease to a tenant, the Authority accounts for activities in its role as lessor as either capital leases or operating leases. The Authority does not have any investment in direct financing leases.

Basis of Accounting

The Authority's accounting system is organized and operated on a fund basis. A fund records cash and other financial resources, together with all related liabilities, obligations, reserves, and residual equity, which is segregated for the purpose of carrying on specific activities or attaining certain objectives in accordance with special regulations, restrictions, or limitations.

Proprietary fund reporting focuses on the determination of operating income, changes in net position, financial position, and cash flows. The Authority utilizes one type of proprietary fund with that being an enterprise fund, which accounts for operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises.

The intent of the Authority is that the cost of providing services to the general public be financed or recovered through user charges.

The Authority utilizes the accrual basis of accounting under which revenues are recorded in the period earned and expenses are recorded when the related liabilities are incurred.

The Authority may realize its assets and liquidate its liabilities in operating cycles, which range from very short to very long periods. The accompanying financial statements are presented in a nonclassified format because working capital concepts are not indicative of its operating cycle.

Capital Assets

Capital assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation on building and improvements are computed by the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets. Additions to capital assets, major betterments and replacements are recorded at cost. Maintenance, repairs, and minor replacements are expensed as incurred. Gains and losses on dispositions are reflected in current earnings.

The following is a schedule of estimated useful lives:

Buildings and improvements	40 years
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Net Position

Net position is the difference between a) assets and deferred outflows of resources and b) liabilities and deferred inflows of resources. Net investment in capital assets represent capital assets, less accumulated depreciation, less any outstanding debt related to the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets. Deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets or related debt are also included in this component of net position. Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use through the enabling legislation adopted by the Authority or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors or laws or regulations of other governments.

Net Position Flow Assumptions

Sometimes the Authority will fund outlays for a particular purpose from both restricted (e.g., restricted bond or grant proceeds) and unrestricted resources. In order to calculate the amounts to report as restricted net position and unrestricted net position in the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements, a flow assumption must be made about the order in which the resources are considered to be applied. It is the Authority's policy to consider restricted net position to have been depleted before unrestricted net position is applied.

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 certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

Adoption of New GASB Statements

The Authority adopted the following GASB statements during the year ended June 30, 2024:

In April 2022, GASB Issued Statement No. 99, Omnibus 2022. The objectives of this Statement are to enhance comparability in accounting and financial reporting and to improve the consistency of authoritative literature by addressing (1) practice issues that have been identified during implementation and application of certain GASB Statements and (2) accounting and financial reporting for financial guarantees. Certain requirements of this statement have been implemented as of June 30, 2022. The requirements related to leases, PPPs, and SBITAs are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2022, and all reporting periods thereafter. The requirements related to financial guarantees and the classification and reporting of derivative instruments within the scope of Statement 53 are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2023, and all reporting periods thereafter. The requirements of this statement are effective for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 for the Authority.

In June 2022, GASB Issued Statement No. 100, Accounting Changes and Error Corrections—an amendment of GASB Statement No. 62. The objective of this Statement is to enhance accounting and financial reporting requirements for accounting changes and error corrections to provide more understandable, reliable, relevant, consistent and comparable information for making decisions or assessing accountability. The requirements of this Statement are effective for accounting changes and error corrections made in fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2023, and all reporting periods thereafter. The requirements of this statement are effective for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 for the Authority.

4 **Deposits and Investments**

All cash of the Authority is maintained in accounts collateralized in accordance with the Virginia Security of Public Deposits Act, Section 2.2-4400 et seq. of the code of Virginia or covered by FDIC. The Authority considers all investments purchased with a maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

5 **Net Investment in Capital Assets**

The “net investment in capital assets” amount reported on the Statement of Net Position as of June 30, 2024 is determined as follows:

Net Investment in Capital Assets

Cost of capital assets	\$ 231,695
Less: Accumulated depreciation	<u>(54,616)</u>
Book value	177,079
Less: Capital related debt	<u>-</u>
Net Investment in Capital Assets	<u><u>\$ 177,079</u></u>

6 Capital Assets

The following schedule details the change in capital assets for the year ended June 30, 2024:

	Balance July 1, 2023	Increases	Decreases	Balance June 30, 2024
Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated				
Land	\$ 70,800	\$ -	\$ 67,400	\$ 3,400
Total Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated	70,800	-	67,400	3,400
Other Capital Assets				
Buildings and improvements	342,995	-	114,700	228,295
Total Other Capital Assets	342,995	-	114,700	228,295
Less: Accumulated depreciation for				
Buildings and improvements	72,804	6,902	25,090	54,616
Total Accumulated Depreciation	72,804	6,902	25,090	54,616
Other Capital Assets, Net	270,191	(6,902)	89,610	173,679
Net Capital Assets	\$ 340,991	\$ (6,902)	\$ 157,010	\$ 177,079

7 Operating Leases

On May 23, 2014, the Authority entered into a lease agreement with Virginia Commonwealth University with an initial term of five years. The terms of the lease are as follows: \$500 per month for the term of the lease. The lease was renewed on June 1, 2023 for a one-year term.

8 Fiscal Agent

The Treasurer of the Town of Lawrenceville, Virginia has been appointed as the fiscal agent for the Authority. In addition, the fiscal agent utilizes the services of the Town's Treasurer to maintain the financial data of the Authority. The Treasurer is insured by a \$250,000 insurance bond through the Town.

9 Litigation

At June 30, 2024, management reports that there were no matters of litigation involving the Authority that would have a material affect on the financial position of the Authority.

10 Upcoming Pronouncements

GASB Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences* – The objective of this Statement is to better meet the information needs of the financial statement users by updating the recognition and measurement guidance for compensated absences. That objective is achieved by aligning the recognition and measurement guidance under a unified model and by amending certain previously required disclosures. The requirements of this Statement are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2023, and all reporting periods thereafter.

GASB Statement No. 102, *Certain Risk Disclosures* – The objective of this Statement is to provide users of government financial statements with essential information about risks related to a government’s vulnerabilities due to certain concentrations or constraints. The requirements of this Statement are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2024, and all reporting periods thereafter.

GASB Statement No. 103, *Financial Reporting Model Improvements* – The objective of this Statement is to improve key components of the financial reporting model to enhance its effectiveness in providing information that is essential for decision making and assessing a government’s accountability. This Statement also addresses certain application issues. The requirements of this Statement are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2025, and all reporting periods thereafter.

11 Subsequent Events

Management has performed an analysis of the activities and transactions subsequent to June 30, 2024 to determine the need for any adjustments to and/or disclosures within the audited financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2024. Management has performed their analysis through January 31, 2025.

COMPLIANCE



**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**

To the Board of Directors
Economic Development Authority of the Town of Lawrenceville, Virginia

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and *Specifications for Audits of Authorities, Boards, and Commissions*, issued by the Auditor of Public Accounts of the Commonwealth of Virginia, the financial statements of the business-type activities of Economic Development Authority of Town of Lawrenceville, Virginia, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Economic Development Authority of Town of Lawrenceville, Virginia's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated January 31, 2025.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Economic Development Authority of the Town of Lawrenceville, Virginia'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 Economic Development Authority of the Town of Lawrenceville, Virginia's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Economic Development Authority of the Town of Lawrenceville, Virginia's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the 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.

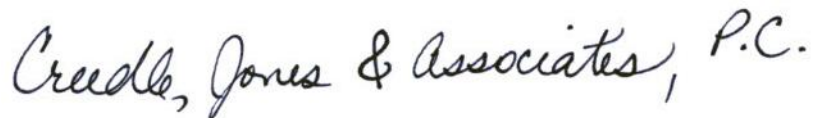
Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit, we did not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

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

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

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 cursive script that reads "Creedle, Jones & Associates, P.C.".

Creedle, Jones & Associates, P.C.
Certified Public Accountants

South Hill, Virginia
January 31, 2025