

Board of County Commissioners  
Leon County, Florida

Schedule of Transactions  
Landfill Escrow Account  
Rule 62-701.630(5)(c), Florida Administrative Code

*For the year ended September 30, 2023  
with Report of Independent Auditors*

Thomas Howell Ferguson P.A.  
and  
Law, Redd, Crona & Munroe P.A.

## Report of Independent Auditors

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners  
Leon County, Florida

### **Report on the Audit of the Schedule**

#### ***Opinion***

We have audited the accompanying Schedule of Transactions, Landfill Escrow Account of the Board of County Commissioners of Leon County, Florida (the Board) for the year ended September 30, 2023, and the related notes (the Schedule).

In our opinion, the accompanying Schedule referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the balance of the Landfill Escrow account of the Board of County Commissioners of Leon County, Florida as of September 30, 2023, in accordance with Rule 62-701.630(5)(c), Florida Administrative Code described in Note 1.

#### ***Basis for Opinion***

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

#### ***Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Accounting***

We draw attention to Note 1 to the Schedule, which describes the basis of accounting. As described in Note 1 to the Schedule, the Schedule was prepared by the Board of County Commissioners of Leon County, Florida in accordance with Rule 62-701.630(5)(c), Florida Administrative Code, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, to meet the requirements of Rule 62-701.630(5)(c), referred to above. As a result, the Schedule may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

***Responsibilities of Management for the Schedule***

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the Schedule in accordance with Rule 62-701.630(5)(c), Florida Administrative Code described in Note 1, and for determining that Rule 62-701.630(5)(c) is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the Schedule in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the Schedule that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

***Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Schedule***

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Schedule as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's 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 GAAS 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 Schedule.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS 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 Schedule, 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 Schedule.
- 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 Board'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 Schedule.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Board'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.

***Restriction on Use***

Our report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of County Commissioners of Leon County, Florida and the management of Leon County, Florida and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. This restriction is not intended to limit the distribution of this report, which, upon acceptance by the Leon County Board of County Commissioners, is a matter of public record.



**Thomas Howell Ferguson P.A.**  
Tallahassee, Florida  
January 25, 2024



**Law, Redd, Crona & Munroe, P.A.**  
Tallahassee, Florida

Board of County Commissioners  
Leon County, Florida

Schedule of Transactions, Landfill Escrow Account

Year ended September 30, 2023

Description	Amount
Total Landfill Escrow Account – September 30, 2022	\$ 13,346,201
Special Purpose Investment Account (SPIA) escrow account – September 30, 2022	905,112
SPIA escrow account transactions:	
Interest Earned	17,299
Transfers between escrow accounts	–
SPIA escrow account – September 30, 2023	922,411
Wells Fargo escrow account – September 30, 2022	12,441,089
Wells Fargo escrow account transactions:	
Deposits:	
September 28, 2023	1,219,000
Total Deposits	1,219,000
Interest Earned	49,433
Net transfers between escrow accounts	–
Wells Fargo escrow – September 30, 2023	13,709,522
Total Landfill Escrow Account – September 30, 2023	\$ 14,631,933

*The accompanying notes are an integral part of the Schedule of Transactions.*

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Notes to Schedule of Transactions, Landfill Escrow Account

September 30, 2023

**1. Reporting Entity**

Leon County, Florida (the County) is a political subdivision of the state of Florida. It is governed by an elected Board of County Commissioners (the Board) which is responsible for legislative and fiscal control of the County. In addition to the members of the Board, there are five additional elected constitutional officers: Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller, Sheriff, Tax Collector, Property Appraiser, and Supervisor of Elections.

The Schedule of Transactions, Landfill Escrow Account of the Board of County Commissioners of Leon County, Florida (the Schedule) is prepared and submitted to the State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to Rule 62-701.630(5)(c) of the Florida Administrative Code (the Code). The total cash and investment balance of the escrow accounts at September 30, 2023 is \$14,631,933 and is deposited in the Treasury Special Purpose Investment Account (SPIA) administered by the State of Florida, Department of Financial Services, and a separate Wells Fargo banking account. Per the agreement dated July 10, 2009, the escrow balance is restricted to fund only landfill closing and post closure activity at this time. The Schedule contains only the transactions of the total escrow balance required by the Code and is not intended to present the financial position of the Board.

**2. Landfill Closure and Post-Closure Liability**

The County's estimated liability for closure costs and one year of post-closure costs as of September 30, 2023 is \$14,375,143 and \$256,703, respectively. The total of the amount held in escrow accounts for the combined closure and post closure costs as of September 30, 2023 is \$14,631,933. As of September 30, 2023, the balance held in escrow exceeds the required escrow amount by \$87.