

CHARLOTTE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
TAX COLLECTOR

September 30, 2010

SPECIAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS,  
TOGETHER WITH REPORTS OF INDEPENDENT  
AUDITORS

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**Report of Independent Auditors**

Honorable Vickie Potts  
Tax Collector  
Charlotte County, Florida

We have audited the accompanying special purpose financial statements of the Charlotte County, Florida, Tax Collector as of and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2010 as listed in the Table of Contents. These special purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Charlotte County, Florida, Tax Collector. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these special purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The accompanying special purpose financial statements were prepared for the purpose of complying with Section 218.39, Florida Statutes, and Section 10.550, *Rules of the Auditor General-Local Governmental Entity Audits*, and are not intended to be a complete presentation of the financial position of Charlotte County, Florida, and the results of its operations and the cash flows of its business-type activities in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In our opinion, the special purpose financial statements referred to in the first paragraph above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Charlotte County, Florida, Tax Collector at September 30, 2010 and the results of operations for the fiscal year then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the special purpose financial statements taken as a whole. The Supplemental Information is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the special purpose financial statements of the Charlotte County, Florida, Tax Collector, under the requirements of GASB Statement 34. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the special purpose financial statements and, in our opinion is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the special purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 3, 2010, on our consideration of the Charlotte County, Florida, Tax Collector's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, and contracts. The purpose of that report is 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 internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

Ashley Brown & Co.

December 3, 2010

CHARLOTTE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
 TAX COLLECTOR  
 BALANCE SHEET  
 GOVERNMENTAL FUND  
 SEPTEMBER 30, 2010

Assets		<u>General</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	4,857,234
Other assets		709
Total assets		<u>\$ 4,857,943</u>
Liabilities		
Liabilities		
Accounts and vouchers payable	\$	13,767
Accrued liabilities		86,903
Due to other constitutional officers		
Board of County Commissioners		4,338,084
Due to other governmental agencies		419,189
Total liabilities		<u>\$ 4,857,943</u>

See accompanying notes.

CHARLOTTE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
 TAX COLLECTOR  
 STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE  
 GOVERNMENTAL FUND  
 For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2010

	General
Revenues:	
Charges for services	\$ 8,387,156
Miscellaneous	199,451
Total revenues	8,586,607
Expenditures:	
Current	
General government	4,793,876
Total expenditures	4,793,876
Excess of revenues over expenditures	3,792,731
Other financing sources (uses):	
Transfers out	(3,792,731)
Total other financing sources (uses)	(3,792,731)
Excess of revenues and other sources over/(under) expenditures and other uses	-
Fund balance, October 1, 2009	-
Fund balance, September 30, 2010	\$ -

See accompanying notes.

CHARLOTTE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
 TAX COLLECTOR  
 STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS  
 FIDUCIARY FUNDS  
 SEPTEMBER 30, 2010

Assets	Agency Funds
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 6,400,311
Due from other governments	5,745
Due from individuals	12,365
Total assets	\$ 6,418,421
Liabilities	
Due to other constitutional officers:	
Board of County Commissioners	\$ 224,182
Clerk of the Circuit Court	1,100
Total due to other constitutional officers	225,282
Due to other governments	275,548
Due to individuals	1,097,049
Deposits	4,820,542
Total liabilities	\$ 6,418,421

See accompanying notes.

CHARLOTTE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

The following is a summary of the more significant accounting principles and policies:

(a) Defining the Governmental Reporting Entity

The Tax Collector, as an elected constitutional officer, was established by the Constitution of the State of Florida, Article VIII, Section 1(d). As such, the Tax Collector's special purpose financial statements are included in the government wide financial statements of Charlotte County, the primary government. A component unit is a legally separate organization for which the elected officials of the primary government are financially accountable. Based on the criteria established by Statement of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Number 14, "Financial Reporting Entity", there are no component units included in the Tax Collector's financial statements.

(b) Fund Accounting

The accounts of the Tax Collector are organized on the basis of funds, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues and expenditures, as appropriate. Government resources are allocated to, and accounted for, in individual funds, based upon the purposes for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled.

The following funds are used by the Tax Collector:

General Fund – The General Fund is used to account for all revenues and expenditures applicable to the general operations of the Tax Collector, which are not properly accounted for in another fund. All operating revenues, which are not specifically restricted or designated as to use, are recorded in the General Fund. Excess revenues at the end of the year, due back to the Board of County Commissioners, are shown as operating transfers out.

Agency Funds – Agency Funds are used to account for assets held by public officials in a trustee capacity or as an agent for individuals, private organizations, other governments and/or other funds.

(c) Measurement Focus

General Fund – The General Fund is accounted for on a "spending" or "financial flow" measurement focus. This means that only current assets and current liabilities are generally included on the balance sheet. Accordingly, the reported undesignated fund balance (net current assets) is considered a measure of available, spendable or appropriable resources. General operating statements present increases (revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (expenditures and other financing uses) in net current assets.

Agency Fund – Agency Funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations.

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**Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, Continued**

(d) Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made, regardless of the measurement focus applied.

The modified accrual basis of accounting is followed by the General and Agency Funds. The modification in such method from the accrual basis is that revenues are recorded when they become measurable and available to finance operations of the current year.

Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related fund liability is incurred. Exceptions to this general rule include:

- (1) Principal and interest on general long-term debt, which is recognized when due; and
- (2) Expenditures are not divided between years by the recording of prepaid expenses.

(e) Budgetary Process

Chapter 195, Florida Statutes, governs the preparation, adoption and amendment process of the Tax Collector's annual budget. A budget is only required to be prepared for the General Fund. The Tax Collector's budget and amendments are prepared independently of the Board of County Commissioners and are approved by the State of Florida Department of Revenue. A copy of the approved budget is provided to the Board of County Commissioners.

The budget for the General Fund is prepared on the modified accrual basis. The annual budget serves as the legal authorization for expenditures. The level of control for appropriations is exercised at the functional level.

(f) Fixed Assets

Acquisitions of tangible personal property are recorded as expenditures in the General Fund at the time of purchase. These assets are reported to the Charlotte County, Florida, Board of County Commissioners and are recorded in the government-wide financial statements.

(g) Compensated Absences

The Tax Collector's employees accumulate sick and annual leave based on the number of years of continuous service and other criteria. Upon termination of employment, employees generally receive payment for accumulated leave.

As of September 30, 2010, the Tax Collector had \$237,386 in long-term compensated absences payable. This amount is reported in the government-wide financial statements of Charlotte County, Florida.

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**Note 2. Deposits and Investments**

**Deposits**

The Tax Collector's policy allows for deposits to be held in demand deposits, savings accounts, certificates of deposit, money market accounts and overnight repurchase agreements. At September 30, 2010, the Tax Collector maintained deposits in a cash pool and overnight repurchase agreements for all fund types.

At September 30, 2010, the bank balance of \$11,386,319 is the total balance for all Tax Collector funds as participants of the pool and cannot be segregated by fund. The book balance of deposits was \$11,232,095 at September 30, 2010.

The Tax Collector had \$25,450 of cash on hand at September 30, 2010.

The deposits whose values exceed the limits of federal depository insurance are entirely insured or collateralized pursuant to the Public Depository Security Act of the State of Florida, Chapter 280 of the Florida Statutes.

**Note 3. Retirement Plan**

**Plan Description and Provisions**

The Tax Collector contributes to the Florida Retirement System (System), a cost-sharing multiple-employer PERS defined benefit pension plan controlled by the State Legislature and administered by the Florida Department of Administration, Division of Retirement. The System provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, a health insurance subsidy, and survivor benefits to plan members and beneficiaries, respectively. The System was established in 1970 by Chapter 121, Florida Legislature. Rules governing the operations and administration of the System may be found in Chapter 60S of the Florida Administrative Code. The Florida Retirement System Annual Report is a document printed for members of the Legislature and the public, reflecting the financial operation and condition of the state-administered retirement systems. The publication contains financial statements, actuarial comments, investment information, and statistical data on the System. A copy can be obtained by writing to Division of Retirement, Research, Education & Policy Section, P.O. Box 9000, Tallahassee, Florida 32315-9000.

**Funding Policy**

Presently, the System does not require contributions from covered members. The Tax Collector is required to contribute an actuarially determined rate. The current rates, based on employees' gross earnings, are regular employees 10.77%; senior management 14.57%; DROP participants 12.25%; and elected officials 18.64%. The contribution requirements of the Tax Collector are established and may be amended by the State Legislature. The Tax Collector contributions to the System for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2010 were approximately \$284,334 and equaled the required contributions for the year.

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**Note 4. General Long-Term Debt**

The following changes in general long-term debt occurred during the year ended September 30, 2010:

Long-term debt payable at October 1, 2009	\$ 270,471
Increase in accrued compensated absences	287,704
Decrease in accrued compensated absences	<u>(320,789)</u>
Long-term debt payable at September 30, 2010	<u>\$ 237,386</u>

General long-term debt is comprised of the following:

Noncurrent portion of compensated absences	
Employees of the Tax Collector are entitled to paid sick and annual leave, based on length of service and job classifications	<u>\$ 237,386</u>

**Note 5. Insurance**

The Tax Collector participates in the County-wide self-insurance program. The Charlotte County, Florida, Board of County Commissioners maintains a self-insurance internal service fund to administer insurance activities relating to employee health insurance, life insurance, general liability, automobile liability and workers' compensation. Also, the Board carries excess insurance coverage for workers' compensation.

The Tax Collector offers its employees a choice between the county-wide self-insured insurance program, or coverage through premiums paid to a third party insurance carrier, paid through the Board of County Commissioners. Amounts paid by the Tax Collector to the Board of County Commissioners for premiums to third party health insurance carriers are included in the total listed below.

Charges to operating departments are based upon amounts believed by management to meet the required annual payout during the fiscal year and to pay for the estimated operating costs of the program and for premiums for third party carrier health insurance plans. For fiscal year ended September 30, 2010, the Tax Collector was charged \$682,729 for the insurance programs.

**Note 6. Contingencies**

The Tax Collector is involved from time to time in certain routine litigation, the substance of which as other liabilities or recoveries, would not materially affect the financial position of the Tax Collector.

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**Note 7. Other Post Employment Benefits**

**Plan Description**

In accordance with Section 112.0801, Florida Statutes, because the Tax Collector provides medical plans to employees of the Tax Collector and their eligible dependents, the Tax Collector is also required to provide retirees the opportunity to participate in the group employee health plan. Although not required by Florida Law, the County has opted to pay a portion of the cost of such participation for retired Tax Collector employees.

Retired employees (retired after 1/1/2004) of the County and all constitutional officers who retire after 30 years of service or after the age of 55 with six years of credited service with the County and who were participants in the existing medical plan at the time of retirement are entitled to participation in the Plan. Currently, for employees who have completed 20 years of service with the County who are collecting FRS monthly benefit plans, the health benefit under the Plan provides for the County to contribute a per month supplement. The monthly supplement is \$10.00 per year of service up to \$300.00 per month. For County employees whose date of retirement was prior to 10/1/2008 the monthly supplement is \$5.00 per year of service up to \$150.00 per month. The Supervisor of Elections has contributed \$3,586 during the year, including implicit rate subsidy.

**Membership**

As of September 30, 2010, membership consisted of:

Active Employees	51
Inactive Participants	2

**Funding Policy**

Funding for this plan is on a pay-as-you-go basis. The Program is currently unfunded. There is no separate trust through which benefits for retirees are funded. No assets are currently accumulated or earmarked for this purpose. All approved benefits are paid from the County's general assets when due.

**Annual OPEB Costs and Net OPEB Obligation**

Charlotte County had an actuarial valuation performed for the plan as of October 1, 2009 to include the funded status of the plan as of September 30, 2010, as well as the employer's annual required contribution (ARC) for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2010. The Tax Collector's annual OPEB cost for the fiscal year was \$39,304. The Tax Collector's annual OPEB cost, the percentage of annual OPEB cost contributed to the plan, and the net OPEB obligation for 2010 is as follows:

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**Note 7. Other Post Employment Benefits, Continued**

**Annual OPEB Costs and Net OPEB Obligation, Continued**

<u>Fiscal Year Ended</u>	<u>Annual OPEB Cost</u>	<u>Employer Contributions</u>	<u>% of Annual OPEB Cost Contributed</u>	<u>Net OPEB Obligation</u>
September 30, 2010	\$ 39,304	\$ 8,503	21.63%	\$ 93,587
September 30, 2009	35,094	4,548	12.95%	62,787

The funded status of the plan as of September 30, 2010 was as follows:

Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL)	\$ 357,840
Actuarial Value of Plan Assets	-
Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (UAAL)	<u>357,840</u>
Covered Payroll	<u>\$ 2,158,947</u>
Ratio of UAAL to Covered Payroll	16.57%

**Valuation Methods and Assumptions**

Normal cost and the allocation of benefit values between service rendered before and after the valuation date was determined using and Individual Entry-Age Actuarial Cost method. The rate of return on investment under the pay-as-you-go approach is 4.5%, compounded annually. Salaries are assumed to increase between 4.5% and 10.5% depending on the member's age and service. Salary increase assumptions are the salary increase assumptions used in the most recent Actuarial Valuation of the Florida Retirement System (FRS).

# **SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

CHARLOTTE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
 TAX COLLECTOR  
 GENERAL FUND  
 SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -  
 BUDGET AND ACTUAL  
 For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2010

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
<b>Revenues:</b>				
Charges for services	\$ 4,988,744	\$ 4,988,744	\$ 8,387,156	\$ 3,398,412
Miscellaneous	-	-	199,451	199,451
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>4,988,744</b>	<b>4,988,744</b>	<b>8,586,607</b>	<b>3,597,863</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
<b>Current</b>				
<b>General government</b>				
<b>Non-court related</b>				
Personal services	3,913,401	3,913,401	3,733,664	179,737
Operating expenditures	1,065,165	1,064,075	1,048,944	15,131
Capital expenditures	10,178	11,268	11,268	-
<b>Total general government</b>	<b>4,988,744</b>	<b>4,988,744</b>	<b>4,793,876</b>	<b>194,868</b>
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b>4,988,744</b>	<b>4,988,744</b>	<b>4,793,876</b>	<b>194,868</b>
<b>Excess of revenues over/(under) expenditures</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,792,731</b>	<b>3,792,731</b>
<b>Other financing sources (uses):</b>				
Transfers out	-	-	(3,792,731)	(3,792,731)
<b>Total other financing sources (uses)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(3,792,731)</b>	<b>(3,792,731)</b>
<b>Excess of revenues and other sources over/(under) expenditures and other uses</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
Fund balance, October 1, 2009	-	-	-	-
<b>Fund balance, September 30, 2010</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

CHARLOTTE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
TAX COLLECTOR  
COMBINING STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS  
AGENCY FUNDS  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2010

Assets	<u>Tax Collector Fund</u>	<u>Tax Redemption Fund</u>	<u>License and Tag Fund</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 5,010,445	\$ 1,092,453	\$ 223,621
Due from other governments	-	84	5,661
Due from individuals	434	777	11,154
Total assets	<u>\$ 5,010,879</u>	<u>\$ 1,093,314</u>	<u>\$ 240,436</u>
Liabilities			
Due to other constitutional officers:			
Board of County Commissioners	\$ 121,340	\$ -	\$ 31,696
Clerk of the Circuit Court	-	-	-
Total due to other constitutional officers	<u>121,340</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>31,696</u>
Due to other governments	67,773	-	207,775
Due to individuals	2,143	1,093,314	46
Deposits	4,819,623	-	919
Total liabilities	<u>\$ 5,010,879</u>	<u>\$ 1,093,314</u>	<u>\$ 240,436</u>

Tourist Development Tax Fund	Charity Fund	Total
\$ 72,246	\$ 1,546	\$ 6,400,311
-	-	5,745
-	-	12,365
<u>\$ 72,246</u>	<u>\$ 1,546</u>	<u>\$ 6,418,421</u>

\$ 71,146	\$ -	\$ 224,182
1,100	-	1,100
<u>72,246</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>225,282</u>
-	-	275,548
-	1,546	1,097,049
-	-	4,820,542
<u>\$ 72,246</u>	<u>\$ 1,546</u>	<u>\$ 6,418,421</u>

CHARLOTTE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
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COMBINING STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ASSETS AND LIABILITIES -  
ALL AGENCY FUNDS  
For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2010

	Balance October 1, 2009	Additions	Deletions	Balance September 30, 2010
<b>TAX COLLECTOR FUND</b>				
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Cash	\$ 558,364	\$ 439,815,108	\$ 435,363,027	\$ 5,010,445
Investments, at fair value	4,510,675	130,540,497	135,051,172	-
Due from other govern- mental agencies	-	7,543,850	7,543,850	-
Due from individuals	19	205,663,306	205,662,891	434
	<u>\$ 5,069,058</u>	<u>\$ 783,562,761</u>	<u>\$ 783,620,940</u>	<u>\$ 5,010,879</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
Due to other funds	\$ -	\$ 7,525,083	\$ 7,525,083	\$ -
Due to other constitu- tional officers	55,290	177,722,926	177,656,876	121,340
Due to other govern- mental agencies	526	147,264,353	147,197,106	67,773
Due to individuals	1,893	1,457,421	1,457,171	2,143
Deposits	5,011,349	443,563,973	443,755,699	4,819,623
	<u>\$ 5,069,058</u>	<u>\$ 777,533,756</u>	<u>\$ 777,591,935</u>	<u>\$ 5,010,879</u>
<b>TAX REDEMPTION FUND</b>				
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Cash	\$ 937,607	\$ 39,613,443	\$ 39,458,597	\$ 1,092,453
Due from other govern- mental agencies	-	6,095	6,011	84
Due from individuals	-	1,886,847	1,886,070	777
	<u>\$ 937,607</u>	<u>\$ 41,506,385</u>	<u>\$ 41,350,678</u>	<u>\$ 1,093,314</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
Due to other funds	\$ -	\$ 1,405,650	\$ 1,405,650	\$ -
Due to other constitu- tional officers	394,513	3,524,103	3,918,616	-
Due to other govern- mental agencies	188,399	1,100,493	1,288,892	-
Due to individuals	330,171	32,913,227	32,150,084	1,093,314
Deposits	24,524	21,432,371	21,456,895	-
	<u>\$ 937,607</u>	<u>\$ 60,375,844</u>	<u>\$ 60,220,137</u>	<u>\$ 1,093,314</u>

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COMBINING STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ASSETS AND LIABILITIES -  
ALL AGENCY FUNDS  
For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2010

	Balance October 1, 2009	Additions	Deletions	Balance September 30, 2010
<b>LICENSE AND TAG FUND</b>				
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Cash	\$ 187,847	\$ 21,915,535	\$ 21,879,761	\$ 223,621
Due from other govern- mental agencies	1,485	117,334	113,158	5,661
Due from individuals	10,929	3,325,203	3,324,978	11,154
	<u>\$ 200,261</u>	<u>\$ 25,358,072</u>	<u>\$ 25,317,897</u>	<u>\$ 240,436</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
Due to other funds	\$ -	\$ 1,234,922	\$ 1,234,922	\$ -
Due to other constitu- tional officers	24,733	505,471	498,508	31,696
Due to other govern- mental agencies	175,107	20,211,248	20,178,580	207,775
Due to individuals	-	25,588	25,542	46
Deposits	421	8,708,195	8,707,697	919
	<u>\$ 200,261</u>	<u>\$ 30,685,424</u>	<u>\$ 30,645,249</u>	<u>\$ 240,436</u>
<b>TOURIST DEVELOPMENT TAX FUND</b>				
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Cash	\$ 67,306	\$ 2,123,803	\$ 2,118,863	\$ 72,246
Due from other govern- mental agencies	8	6	14	-
Due from individuals	-	886,565	886,565	-
	<u>\$ 67,314</u>	<u>\$ 3,010,374</u>	<u>\$ 3,005,442</u>	<u>\$ 72,246</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
Due to other constitu- tional officers	\$ 67,314	\$ 2,309,122	\$ 2,304,190	\$ 72,246
Due to individuals	-	1,837	1,837	-
Deposits	-	5,001	5,001	-
	<u>\$ 67,314</u>	<u>\$ 2,315,960</u>	<u>\$ 2,311,028</u>	<u>\$ 72,246</u>

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COMBINING STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ASSETS AND LIABILITIES -  
ALL AGENCY FUNDS  
For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2010

	Balance October 1, 2009	Additions	Deletions	Balance September 30, 2010
<b>CHARITIES FUND</b>				
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Cash	\$ 1,361	\$ 11,858	\$ 11,673	\$ 1,546
Due from individuals	-	26	26	-
	<u>\$ 1,361</u>	<u>\$ 11,884</u>	<u>\$ 11,699</u>	<u>\$ 1,546</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
Due to individuals	\$ 1,361	\$ 11,884	\$ 11,699	\$ 1,546
	<u>\$ 1,361</u>	<u>\$ 11,884</u>	<u>\$ 11,699</u>	<u>\$ 1,546</u>
<b>TOTALS - ALL AGENCY FUNDS</b>				
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Cash	\$ 1,752,485	\$ 503,479,747	\$ 498,831,921	\$ 6,400,311
Investments, at fair value	4,510,675	130,540,497	135,051,172	-
Due from other govern- mental agencies	1,493	7,667,285	7,663,033	5,745
Due from individuals	10,948	211,761,947	211,760,530	12,365
	<u>\$ 6,275,601</u>	<u>\$ 853,449,476</u>	<u>\$ 853,306,656</u>	<u>\$ 6,418,421</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
Due to other funds	\$ -	\$ 10,165,655	\$ 10,165,655	\$ -
Due to other consti- tutional officers	541,850	184,061,622	184,378,190	225,282
Due to other govern- mental agencies	364,032	168,576,094	168,664,578	275,548
Due to individuals	333,425	34,409,957	33,646,333	1,097,049
Deposits	5,036,294	473,709,540	473,925,292	4,820,542
	<u>\$ 6,275,601</u>	<u>\$ 870,922,868</u>	<u>\$ 870,780,048</u>	<u>\$ 6,418,421</u>

**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***

Honorable Vickie Potts  
Tax Collector  
Charlotte County, Florida

We have audited the special purpose financial statements of the Charlotte County, Florida, Tax Collector as of and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2010, and have issued our report thereon dated December 3, 2010. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Charlotte County, Florida, Tax Collector's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Charlotte County, Florida, Tax Collector's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Charlotte County, Florida, Tax Collector's internal control over financial reporting.

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.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be deficiencies, significant deficiencies, or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Charlotte County, Florida, Tax Collector's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations and contracts, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Charlotte County, Florida, Tax Collector, the Auditor General of the State of Florida, and other state and federal agencies and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than those specified parties. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

*Ashley Brown & Co.*

December 3, 2010

### Management Letter

Honorable Vickie Potts  
Tax Collector  
Charlotte County, Florida

We have audited the special purpose financial statements of the Charlotte County, Florida, Tax Collector, as of and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2010.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States of America. We have issued our Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and Compliance and Other Matters. Disclosures in that report which is dated December 3, 2010, should be considered in conjunction with this management letter.

Additionally, our audit was conducted in accordance with Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General, which governs the conduct of local governmental entity audits performed in the State of Florida. This letter includes the following information, which is not included in the aforementioned auditor's reports or schedule:

- Section 10.554(1)(i)1., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we determine whether or not corrective actions have been taken to address findings and recommendations made in the preceding annual financial audit report. There were no recommendations made in the preceding annual financial audit report.
- Section 10.554(1)(i)2., Rules of the Auditor General, requires our audit to include a review of the provisions of Section 218.415, Florida Statutes, regarding the investment of public funds. In connection with our audit, we determined that the Charlotte County, Florida, Tax Collector complied with Section 218.415, Florida Statutes.

- Section 10.554(1)(i)3., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we address in the management letter any recommendations to improve financial management. In connection with our audit, we did not have any such recommendations.
- Section 10.554(1)(i)4., Rules of the Auditor General, require that we address violations of provisions of contracts or grant agreements, or abuse, that have occurred, or are likely to have occurred, that have an effect on the financial statements that is less than material but more than inconsequential. In connection with our audit, we did not have any such findings.
- Section 10.554(1)(i)5., Rules of the Auditor General, provides that the auditor may, based on professional judgment, report the following matters that have an inconsequential effect on financial statements, considering both quantitative and qualitative factors: (1) violations of provisions of contracts or grant agreements, fraud, illegal acts, or abuse, and (2) deficiencies in internal control that are not significant deficiencies. In connection with our audit, we did not have any such findings.
- Section 10.554(1)(i)6., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that the name or official title and legal authority for the primary government and each component unit of the reporting entity be disclosed in this management letter, unless disclosed in the notes to the financial statements. There was no component units related to the Charlotte County, Florida, Tax Collector.

Pursuant to Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, this management letter is a public record and its distribution is not limited. Auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America requires us to indicate that this letter is intended solely for the information of the Charlotte County, Florida, Tax Collector and management, and the State of Florida Office of the Auditor General, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

*Osley Brown & Co.*

December 3, 2010

# Charlotte County Tax Collector

Vickie L. Potts

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December 7, 2010

Ashley & Brown CPA's  
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366 East Olympia Avenue  
Punta Gorda, Florida 33950

Dear Mr. Ashley and Mr. Brown:

Pursuant to Chapter 10.550 "Rules of the Auditor General – Local Government Entity Audits" and Section 11.45 (3) (a) 4, Florida Statutes, we are in receipt of and are responding to your management letter, for fiscal year ended September 30, 2010.

I am very pleased with the outcome of the audit. Please extend our thanks to your staff for their outstanding work.

Sincerely,

Vickie L. Potts,  
Charlotte County Tax Collector

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