# Outstanding Debt

As of FY 2023



## **Caldwell County, Texas**

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# TAB A SUMMARY OF DEBT

## Caldwell County, Texas Outstanding General Obligation Debt as of FY 2023

	\$8,555 Ltd Tax F Series	Ref Bds	\$5,955 Comb Tax & Ltd Series	Pldg Rev C/O	\$3,530 Ltd Tax Ref Bo Series	ds (Taxable)	\$3,000 Comb Tax & Ltd Series	Pldg Rev C/O
FYE 9/30	Principal (000s)	Coupon	Principal (000s)	Coupon	Principal (000s)	Coupon	Principal (000s)	Coupon
2023	490	2.500%	60	3.000%	470	4.000%	190	1.280%
2024	505	2.750%	80	4.000%	485	4.000%	190	1.280%
2025	520	3.000%	95	4.000%	510	4.000%	190	1.280%
2026	535	3.000%	120	5.000%	520	2.500%	195	1.280%
2027	550	3.000%	385	5.000%	100	2.650%	195	1.280%
2028	570	3.250%	400	4.000%	70	2.750%	195	1.280%
2029	590	3.500%	415	3.000%	75	2.850%	205	1.280%
2030	610	3.625%	430	3.000%			205	1.280%
2031	635	3.625%	445	3.000%			205	1.280%
2032	655	3.750%	455	3.250%			215	1.280%
2033			470	3.250%			215	1.280%
2034			485	3.250%			215	1.280%
2035			505	3.250%			220	1.280%
2036			520	3.250%				
2037			535	3.250%				
2038			555	3.250%				
Total	\$5,660		\$5,955		\$2,230		\$2,635	

Issue Details								
Next Call	February 1,	February 1, 2023 @ par February 1, 2027 @ par		Non-Callable		Non-Callable		
Delivery Date	April 23	3, 2014	Septembe	er 5, 2018	August 2	29, 2019	Septembe	er 3, 2020
Interest Due	February 1	August 1	February 1	August 1	February 1	August 1	February 1	August 1
Principal Due	Febru	ary 1	Febru	ary 1	Febru	uary 1	Febru	ary 1
Insurance	No	ne	No	ne	No	ne	No	ne
Paying Agent	The Bank o	The Bank of New York The Bank of New York		The Bank of New York		First National Bank Texas		
Use of Funds	Ref of Ser 12	2 & 13 Notes	New Money		Ref of Se	r 07 & 10	New N	loney

Callable Non Callable



## **TAB B**

## GENERAL OBLIGATION DEBT SERVICE REQUIREMENTS

Aggregate General Obligation Debt Service Annual Basis

## **Aggregate Debt Service**

Date	Principal	Interest	Total P+I
09/30/2023	1,210,000.00	480,868.26	1,690,868.26
09/30/2024	1,260,000.00	443,767.51	1,703,767.51
09/30/2025	1,315,000.00	403,191.76	1,718,191.76
09/30/2026	1,370,000.00	363,302.76	1,733,302.76
09/30/2027	1,230,000.00	324,081.76	1,554,081.76
09/30/2028	1,235,000.00	284,160.76	1,519,160.76
09/30/2029	1,285,000.00	245,757.01	1,530,757.01
09/30/2030	1,245,000.00	208,008.01	1,453,008.01
09/30/2031	1,285,000.00	169,693.38	1,454,693.38
09/30/2032	1,325,000.00	129,146.00	1,454,146.00
09/30/2033	685,000.00	99,081.50	784,081.50
09/30/2034	700,000.00	80,810.75	780,810.75
09/30/2035	725,000.00	61,939.25	786,939.25
09/30/2036	520,000.00	43,875.00	563,875.00
09/30/2037	535,000.00	26,731.25	561,731.25
09/30/2038	555,000.00	9,018.75	564,018.75
Total	\$16,480,000.00	\$3,373,433.71	\$19,853,433.71
Yield Statistics  Base date for Avg. Life & A	Avg. Coupon Calculations		2/15/2024
Average Life			6.262 Years
Average Coupon			3.0141288%
Par Amounts Of Sele	ected Issues		
2014 L/T Ref (3/24) FINAL	L w/ slgs		5,660,000.00
2018 \$6mm C/Os (8/13) FII	NAL		5,955,000.00
2019 Ltd Tax Ref (8/1) FIN	JAL		2,230,000.00
2020 CO (8-11-20) FNBT I	FINAL -Performance Contract - Self-Suppor	ted	1,800,000.00
2020 CO (8-11-20) FNBT I	FINAL -Water Control - I&S		295,000.00
2020 CO (8-11-20) FNBT I	FINAL -Radio Tower - I&S		540,000.00
TOTAL			16,480,000.00

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Aggregate General Obligation Debt Service Semi-Annual Basis

## **Aggregate Debt Service**

Part 1 of 2

Date	Principal	Interest	Total P+I	Fiscal Total
02/01/2023	1,210,000.00	249,254.63	1,459,254.63	-
08/01/2023	-	231,613.63	231,613.63	-
09/30/2023	-	-	-	1,690,868.26
02/01/2024	1,260,000.00	231,613.63	1,491,613.63	-
08/01/2024	-	212,153.88	212,153.88	-
09/30/2024	-	-	-	1,703,767.51
02/01/2025	1,315,000.00	212,153.88	1,527,153.88	· · · · · ·
08/01/2025	<del>-</del>	191,037.88	191,037.88	-
09/30/2025	-	· -		1,718,191.76
02/01/2026	1,370,000.00	191,037.88	1,561,037.88	· · · · · ·
08/01/2026	-	172,264.88	172,264.88	-
09/30/2026	-	- -		1,733,302.76
02/01/2027	1,230,000.00	172,264.88	1,402,264.88	
08/01/2027	, , , <u>-</u>	151,816.88	151,816.88	-
09/30/2027	-	<del>-</del>	<del>-</del>	1,554,081.76
02/01/2028	1,235,000.00	151,816.88	1,386,816.88	-
08/01/2028	<del>-</del>	132,343.88	132,343.88	_
09/30/2028	-	- ,		1,519,160.76
02/01/2029	1,285,000.00	132,343.88	1,417,343.88	-,,
08/01/2029	-	113,413.13	113,413.13	_
09/30/2029	-	-	-	1,530,757.01
02/01/2030	1,245,000.00	113,413.13	1,358,413.13	-
08/01/2030	-	94,594.88	94,594.88	_
09/30/2030	_	-	-	1,453,008.01
02/01/2031	1,285,000.00	94,594.88	1,379,594.88	
08/01/2031	-	75,098.50	75,098.50	
09/30/2031	_	-	-	1,454,693.38
02/01/2032	1,325,000.00	75,098.50	1,400,098.50	
08/01/2032	-	54,047.50	54,047.50	_
09/30/2032	_	-	-	1,454,146.00
02/01/2033	685,000.00	54,047.50	739,047.50	1,131,110.00
08/01/2033	-	45,034.00	45,034.00	_
09/30/2033	_	-3,034.00	-3,054.00	784,081.50
02/01/2034	700,000.00	45,034.00	745,034.00	704,001.50
08/01/2034	-	35,776.75	35,776.75	_
09/30/2034		-	33,770.73	780,810.75
02/01/2035	725,000.00	35,776.75	760,776.75	700,010.75
08/01/2035	723,000.00	26,162.50	26,162.50	-
09/30/2035	-	20,102.30	20,102.30	786,939.25
02/01/2036	520,000.00	26,162.50	546,162.50	100,737.23
08/01/2036	320,000.00	17,712.50	17,712.50	
06/01/2030	-	1/,/12.30	17,712.30	

Aggregate General Obligation Debt Service Semi-Annual Basis

## **Aggregate Debt Service**

Part 2 of 2

5,955,000.00

2,230,000.00

1,800,000.00

295,000.00

540,000.00

Date	Principal	Interest	Total P+I	Fiscal Tota
09/30/2036	-	-	-	563,875.00
02/01/2037	535,000.00	17,712.50	552,712.50	
08/01/2037	-	9,018.75	9,018.75	
09/30/2037	-	-	-	561,731.25
02/01/2038	555,000.00	9,018.75	564,018.75	
09/30/2038	-	=	-	564,018.75
Total	\$16,480,000.00	\$3,373,433.71	\$19,853,433.71	
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<b>'ield Statistics</b> Base date for Avg. Li	fe & Avg. Coupon Calculations			2/15/2024
				2/15/2024 6.262 Years
Base date for Avg. Li		.,, .,		
ase date for Avg. Li verage Life verage Coupon				6.262 Year

TOTAL 16,480,000.00

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2018 \$6mm C/Os (8/13) FINAL

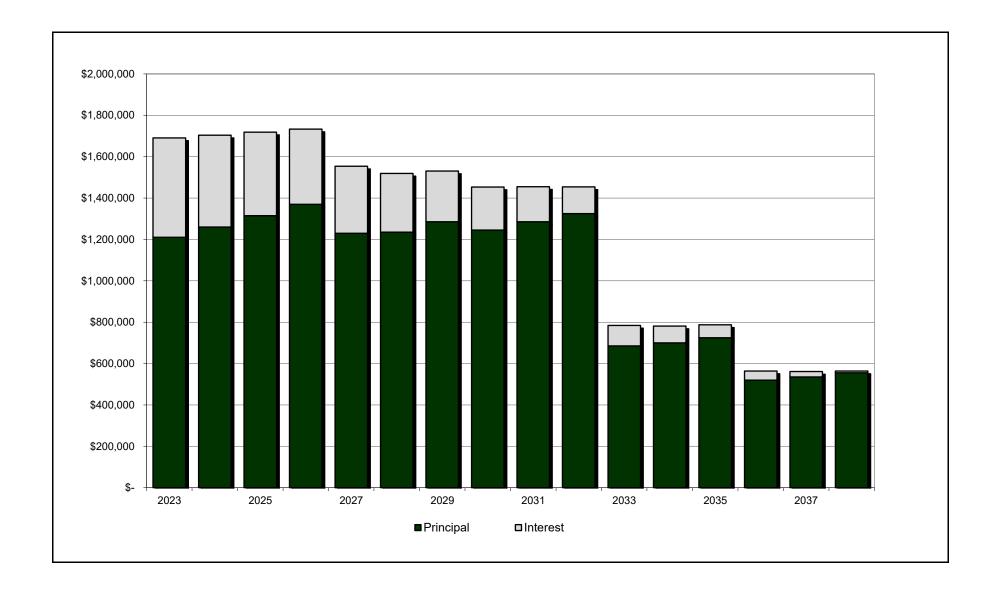
2019 Ltd Tax Ref (8/1) FINAL

2020 CO (8-11-20) FNBT FINAL -Performance Contract - Self-Supported

 $2020~\mathrm{CO}~(8\mbox{-}11\mbox{-}20)~\mathrm{FNBT}~\mathrm{FINAL}$  -Water Control - I&S

2020 CO (8-11-20) FNBT FINAL -Radio Tower - I&S

### Caldwell County, Texas Outstanding General Obligation Debt as of FY 2023



\$8,555,000 Limited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2014

Paying Agent: The Bank of New York Callable: February 1, 2023 @ par

## **Debt Service Schedule**

Date	Principal	Interest	Total P+I	Fiscal Total
02/01/2023	490,000.00	91,578.13	581,578.13	-
08/01/2023	-	85,453.13	85,453.13	-
09/30/2023	-	-	-	667,031.26
02/01/2024	505,000.00	85,453.13	590,453.13	· <u>-</u>
08/01/2024	-	78,509.38	78,509.38	-
09/30/2024	-	-	-	668,962.51
02/01/2025	520,000.00	78,509.38	598,509.38	· <u>-</u>
08/01/2025	-	70,709.38	70,709.38	-
09/30/2025	-	-	-	669,218.76
02/01/2026	535,000.00	70,709.38	605,709.38	· <u>-</u>
08/01/2026	-	62,684.38	62,684.38	-
09/30/2026	-	-	_	668,393.76
02/01/2027	550,000.00	62,684.38	612,684.38	· -
08/01/2027		54,434.38	54,434.38	-
09/30/2027	-	-	_	667,118.76
02/01/2028	570,000.00	54,434.38	624,434.38	
08/01/2028	,	45,171.88	45,171.88	_
09/30/2028	<del>-</del>	,	, <u>-</u>	669,606.26
02/01/2029	590,000.00	45,171.88	635,171.88	_
08/01/2029		34,846.88	34,846.88	-
09/30/2029	-	<del>-</del>	-	670,018.76
02/01/2030	610,000.00	34,846.88	644,846.88	_
08/01/2030	, <u>-</u>	23,790.63	23,790.63	_
09/30/2030	<del>-</del>	,	, <u>-</u>	668,637.51
02/01/2031	635,000.00	23,790.63	658,790.63	-
08/01/2031	-	12,281.25	12,281.25	
09/30/2031	<del>-</del>	<del>-</del>		671,071.88
02/01/2032	655,000.00	12,281.25	667,281.25	_
09/30/2032	<del>-</del>	-	-	667,281.25
Total	\$5,660,000.00	\$1,027,340.71	\$6,687,340.71	
Yield Statistics	\$3,000,000.00	\$130273070	90,007,540.71	
	e & Avg. Coupon Calculations			2/15/2024
Average Life				4.637 Years
Average Coupon				3.5072786%
Par Amounts Of	Selected Issues			
2014 L/T Ref (3/24) F	INAL w/ slgs			5,660,000.00
TOTAL				F <<0.000.00
TOTAL				5,660,000.00

\$5,955,000 Combination Tax & Limited Pledge Revenue Certificates of Obligation,

Series 2018

Paying Agent: The Bank of New York Callable: February 1, 2027 @ par

## **Debt Service Schedule**

Part 1 of 2

Date	Principal	Interest	Total P+I	Fiscal Total
02/01/2023	60,000.00	101,656.25	161,656.25	-
08/01/2023	-	100,756.25	100,756.25	-
09/30/2023	-	-	-	262,412.50
02/01/2024	80,000.00	100,756.25	180,756.25	-
08/01/2024	-	99,156.25	99,156.25	-
09/30/2024	-	-	-	279,912.50
02/01/2025	95,000.00	99,156.25	194,156.25	-
08/01/2025	-	97,256.25	97,256.25	-
09/30/2025	-	-	-	291,412.50
02/01/2026	120,000.00	97,256.25	217,256.25	-
08/01/2026	-	94,256.25	94,256.25	-
09/30/2026	-	-	-	311,512.50
02/01/2027	385,000.00	94,256.25	479,256.25	-
08/01/2027	-	84,631.25	84,631.25	-
09/30/2027	-	- -	-	563,887.50
02/01/2028	400,000.00	84,631.25	484,631.25	-
08/01/2028	-	76,631.25	76,631.25	=
09/30/2028	-	-	-	561,262.50
02/01/2029	415,000.00	76,631.25	491,631.25	-
08/01/2029	, <u>-</u>	70,406.25	70,406.25	-
09/30/2029	-	-	-	562,037.50
02/01/2030	430,000.00	70,406.25	500,406.25	, =
08/01/2030	-	63,956.25	63,956.25	=
09/30/2030	-	-	-	564,362.50
02/01/2031	445,000.00	63,956.25	508,956.25	-
08/01/2031	-	57,281.25	57,281.25	-
09/30/2031	-	- -	-	566,237.50
02/01/2032	455,000.00	57,281.25	512,281.25	=
08/01/2032	-	49,887.50	49,887.50	=
09/30/2032	<del>-</del>	, <u>-</u>	, <u>-</u>	562,168.75
02/01/2033	470,000.00	49,887.50	519,887.50	
08/01/2033	, <u>-</u>	42,250.00	42,250.00	-
09/30/2033	-	, <u>-</u>	, <u>-</u>	562,137.50
02/01/2034	485,000.00	42,250.00	527,250.00	-
08/01/2034	, =	34,368.75	34,368.75	-
09/30/2034	-		-	561,618.75
02/01/2035	505,000.00	34,368.75	539,368.75	-
08/01/2035	, -	26,162.50	26,162.50	-
09/30/2035	-		, <u>-</u>	565,531.25
02/01/2036	520,000.00	26,162.50	546,162.50	•

\$5,955,000 Combination Tax & Limited Pledge Revenue Certificates of Obligation,

Series 2018

Paying Agent: The Bank of New York Callable: February 1, 2027 @ par

## **Debt Service Schedule**

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Fiscal Total	Total P+I	Interest	Principal	Date
-	17,712.50	17,712.50	-	08/01/2036
563,875.00	-	-	-	09/30/2036
-	552,712.50	17,712.50	535,000.00	02/01/2037
-	9,018.75	9,018.75	-	08/01/2037
561,731.25	-	-	-	09/30/2037
-	564,018.75	9,018.75	555,000.00	02/01/2038
564,018.75	-	-	-	09/30/2038
_	\$7,904,118.75	\$1,949,118.75	\$5,955,000.00	Total

#### **Yield Statistics**

Base date for Avg. Life & Avg. Coupon Calculations	2/15/2024
Average Life	8.577 Years
Average Coupon	3.2847624%

#### **Par Amounts Of Selected Issues**

2018 \$6mm C/Os (8/13) FINAL	5,955,000.00
TOTAL	5,955,000.00

\$3,530,000 Limited Tax Refunding Bonds, Taxable Series 2019

Paying Agent: The Bank of New York

Non Callable

## **Debt Service Schedule**

Date	Principal	Interest	Total P+I	Fiscal Total
02/01/2023	470,000.00	39,156.25	509,156.25	-
08/01/2023	, -	29,756.25	29,756.25	-
09/30/2023	-	-	-	538,912.50
02/01/2024	485,000.00	29,756.25	514,756.25	-
08/01/2024	-	20,056.25	20,056.25	-
09/30/2024	-	-	-	534,812.50
02/01/2025	510,000.00	20,056.25	530,056.25	-
08/01/2025	-	9,856.25	9,856.25	-
09/30/2025	-	-	-	539,912.50
02/01/2026	520,000.00	9,856.25	529,856.25	-
08/01/2026	-	3,356.25	3,356.25	-
09/30/2026	-	-	-	533,212.50
02/01/2027	100,000.00	3,356.25	103,356.25	-
08/01/2027	-	2,031.25	2,031.25	-
09/30/2027	-	-	-	105,387.50
02/01/2028	70,000.00	2,031.25	72,031.25	-
08/01/2028	-	1,068.75	1,068.75	-
09/30/2028	-	-	-	73,100.00
02/01/2029	75,000.00	1,068.75	76,068.75	-
09/30/2029	-	-	-	76,068.75
Total	\$2,230,000.00	\$171,406.25	\$2,401,406.25	-
Yield Statistics				
Base date for Avg. Life	e & Avg. Coupon Calculations			2/15/2024
Average Life				1.926 Years
Average Coupon				2.8987980%
Par Amounts Of S	Selected Issues			
2019 Ltd Tax Ref (8/1)	FINAL			2,230,000.00
TOTAL				2,230,000.00

\$3,000,000 Combination Tax & Limited Pledge Revenue Certificates of Obligation,

Series 2020

Paying Agent: First National Bank Texas Non-Callable

## **Debt Service Schedule**

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Fiscal Total	Total P+I	Interest	Principal	Date
_	206,864.00	16,864.00	190,000.00	02/01/2023
=	15,648.00	15,648.00		08/01/2023
222,512.00	· -	- -	-	09/30/2023
-	205,648.00	15,648.00	190,000.00	02/01/2024
_	14,432.00	14,432.00	- -	08/01/2024
220,080.00	· -	-	-	09/30/2024
-	204,432.00	14,432.00	190,000.00	02/01/2025
-	13,216.00	13,216.00	-	08/01/2025
217,648.00	· -	·	-	09/30/2025
-	208,216.00	13,216.00	195,000.00	02/01/2026
-	11,968.00	11,968.00	-	08/01/2026
220,184.00	· -	- -	-	09/30/2026
-	206,968.00	11,968.00	195,000.00	02/01/2027
-	10,720.00	10,720.00		08/01/2027
217,688.00	· -	- -	-	09/30/2027
-	205,720.00	10,720.00	195,000.00	02/01/2028
-	9,472.00	9,472.00	- -	08/01/2028
215,192.00	· -	-	-	09/30/2028
, -	214,472.00	9,472.00	205,000.00	02/01/2029
-	8,160.00	8,160.00	, <u>-</u>	08/01/2029
222,632.00	-	-	-	09/30/2029
· -	213,160.00	8,160.00	205,000.00	02/01/2030
-	6,848.00	6,848.00	-	08/01/2030
220,008.00	· -	·	-	09/30/2030
-	211,848.00	6,848.00	205,000.00	02/01/2031
-	5,536.00	5,536.00	-	08/01/2031
217,384.00	· -	- -	-	09/30/2031
-	220,536.00	5,536.00	215,000.00	02/01/2032
-	4,160.00	4,160.00	-	08/01/2032
224,696.00	-	-	-	09/30/2032
-	219,160.00	4,160.00	215,000.00	02/01/2033
-	2,784.00	2,784.00	- -	08/01/2033
221,944.00	· -	- -	-	09/30/2033
-	217,784.00	2,784.00	215,000.00	02/01/2034
-	1,408.00	1,408.00	· -	08/01/2034
219,192.00	-	-	-	09/30/2034
-	221,408.00	1,408.00	220,000.00	02/01/2035
221,408.00	-	-	-	09/30/2035
-	\$2,860,568.00	\$225,568.00	\$2,635,000.00	Total

\$3,000,000 Combination Tax & Limited Pledge Revenue Certificates of Obligation,

Series 2020

Paying Agent: First National Bank Texas

Non-Callable

#### **Debt Service Schedule**

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#### **Yield Statistics**

Base date for Avg. Life & Avg. Coupon Calculations	2/15/2024
Average Life	6.107 Years
Average Coupon	1.2800000%

#### **Par Amounts Of Selected Issues**

TOTAL	2,635,000.00
2020 CO (8-11-20) FNBT FINAL -Radio Tower - I&S	540,000.00
2020 CO (8-11-20) FNBT FINAL -Water Control - I&S	295,000.00
2020 CO (8-11-20) FNBT FINAL -Performance Contract - Self-Supported	1,800,000.00



## TAB C TEXAS MUNICIPAL REPORTS

Caldwell County

#### (General Obligation Debt)

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#### FINANCIAL STATEMENT

FINANCIAL STATEMENT (As of September 30, 2021)

Net Taxable Assessed Valuation ("A.V."), 2022 \$4,495,001,646(a)

Total General Obligation Debt
Less: Self-Supporting (b)
Jail 1,923,208

GO Debt payable from Ad Valorem Taxes
Less: I&S Fund 838,914

Net Debt \$14,822,878

(a) Includes \$216,096,323 under review.

(b) The Series 2020 Transcript dated September 3, 2020 Audit reports the following General Obligation Debt being paid from revenues other than ad valorem taxes, thus considered self-supporting.

Net Debt Per Net Taxable Assessed Valuation - 0.33% Net Debt Per Sq mile - \$27,098.50

Net Debt Per Capita - \$331.83

Net Taxable Assessed Valuation Per Capita - \$100,626.86

Bureau of Census Pop: 2010 - 38,066 Bureau of Census Pop: 2020 - 45,883 2021 Estimated Population - 44,670

Area: 547.00 Sq mile

#### **PAYMENT RECORD**

Never defaulted.

#### **TAX DATA**

Tax Year	A.V.	Tax Rate	Adjusted Levy	% Collec Current	tions Total	Year Ended
2016	\$1,934,647,860	\$0.7752	\$13,590,094	95.39	98.92	09/30/2017
2017	2,075,463,746	0.7752	15,969,354	97.76	101.12	09/30/2018
2018	2,303,147,688	0.7752	17,551,636	96.10	98.98	09/30/2019
2019	2,592,313,315	0.7430	19,260,888	98.11	100.74	09/30/2020
2020	3,271,532,784	0.7053	20,374,456	96.05	99.85	09/30/2021
2021	3,458,054,693	0.7053	22,048,653	(In pr	ocess of	collection)
2022	4,495,001,646*					

\* Includes \$216,096,323 for 2022 under review.

Tax Rate Distribution	2021	2020	2019	2018	
M&O I&S		\$0.6683 0.0370			
Totals	0.7053	0.7053	0.7430	0.7752	
F/M Poad/FC - M&O	0 0001	0 0001	0 0001	0 0001	

#### TAX RATE LIMITATION

The Texas Constitution (Article VIII, Section 9) imposes a limit of \$0.80 per \$100 of assessed valuation for general fund, permanent improvement fund, road and bridge fund, and jury fund purposes, including debt service of bonds, time warrants, tax notes and certificates of obligation issued against such funds. By administrative policy, the Attorney General of Texas will permit allocation of \$0.40 of the constitutional \$0.80 tax rate for the payment of the debt service requirements on the County's limited tax general obligation

indebtedness, as calculated at the time of issuance and based on a 90% collection rate. Limited tax obligations of counties issued pursuant to authority granted under V.T.C.A., Government Code, Section 1301.003, as amended, limits the amount of such debt issued for certain purposes as follows: Courthouse 2% of Assessed Valuation Jail 1½% of Assessed Valuation Courthouse and Jail 3½% of Assessed Valuation Road and Bridge 1½% of Assessed Valuation However, a county may issue courthouse, jail and certain other types of bonds under the authority of Texas Government Code Section 1473.101 and Chapter 292, Texas Local Government Code, without the above limitations.

Farm-to-Market Roads and/or Flood Control: Under Section 256.054, Texas Transportation Code, a county may adopt an additional ad valorem tax not to exceed \$0.30 (the "Farm-to-Market and Flood Control Tax") on the \$100 assessed valuation, after exemption of homesteads up to \$3,000, provided by Article VIII, Section 9 of the Texas Constitution, for the construction and maintenance of farm-to-market and lateral roads or for flood control. This additional tax may be established by the Commissioners Court only upon approval by a majority of participating voters in an election held to approve such additional tax. No allocation is prescribed by statute between debt service and maintenance. Therefore, all or part may be used for either purpose. The voters of the County have not approved a special tax for Farm-to-Market purposes. The voters of the County have not approved a special tax for Flood Control purposes.

Road Maintenance (Special Road and Bridge Tax): Under Section 256.052, Texas Transportation Code, a county may adopt an additional ad valorem tax not to exceed \$0.15 (the "Road and Bridge Maintenance Tax") on the \$100 assessed valuation of property provided by Article VIII, Section 9, Texas Constitution, for the further maintenance of county roads. This additional tax may be established by the Commissioners Court only upon approval by a majority of participating voters in an election held to approve such additional tax. The additional tax may not be used for debt service.

Road Bonds: Article III, Section 52, Texas Constitution, authorizes the County to levy a separate tax, without legal limit as to rate, to pay debt service on County road bonds issued pursuant to such authority upon approval by a majority of participating voters in an election held to approve the issuance of such bonds. Article III, Section 52 of the Texas Constitution also provides that unlimited tax road bond debt may not exceed 25% of the County's assessed valuation of real estate.

#### **SALES TAX**

Optional Sales Tax: Texas Counties have the option of assessing a 1/2 cent sales tax if approved by the voters in a local option election. If the tax is approved, then the County must reduce its property tax rate accordingly.

Calend	dar	Total	% of Ad Val	Equiv of Ac
Year	Rate	Collected	Tax Levy	Val Tax Rate
2018	0.500%	\$1,835,526	10.45%	\$0.08
2019	0.500	1,994,496	10.35	0.08
2020	0.500	2,415,378	11.85	0.08
2021	0.500	2,640,296	11.97	0.08

#### **DETAILS OF OUTSTANDING DEBT**

#### Details of Limited Tax Debt (Outstanding 9/30/2021)

#### Ltd Tax Ref Bds Ser 2014

Liu Tax Itel Dus Gel	40 I T
Tax Treatment:	Bank Qualified
Original Issue Amount	\$8,555,000.00
Dated Date:	03/15/2014
Sale Date:	03/24/2014
Delivery Date:	04/23/2014
Sale Type:	Competitive
TIC:	3.0766%
Record Date:	MSRB
Pond Form.	DE

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\$5.000 Denomination

Semi-Annually: 02/01, 08/01 Interest pays

1st Coupon Date: 08/01/2014

Paying Agent: The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., Dallas, TX

Bond Counsel: Fulbright & Jaworski LLP

Financial Advisor: Specialized Public Finance Inc., Austin, TX

Lead Manager: Raymond James

Use of Proceeds: Refunding.

Refunding Notes: This bond refunded maturities from the following issues:

Tax Notes Ser 20	12		
Refunded Amount	Mat Date	Sched Call	Price
100,000.00	04/01/2015	05/28/2014	Par
670,000.00	04/01/2016	05/28/2014	Par
990,000.00	04/01/2017	05/28/2014	Par
1,035,000.00	04/01/2018	05/28/2014	Par
1,060,000.00	04/01/2019	05/28/2014	Par

Tax Notes Ser 2013

Refunded Amount	Mat Date	Sched Call	Price
25,000.00	06/01/2015	07/01/2014	Par
50,000.00	06/01/2016	07/01/2014	Par
75,000.00	06/01/2017	07/01/2014	Par
100,000.00	06/01/2018	07/01/2014	Par
2,105,000.00	06/01/2019	07/01/2014	Par
2,145,000.00	06/01/2020	07/01/2014	Par

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Maturity	Amount	Coupon	Price/Yield
02/01/2022	475,000.00	2.2500%	2.200%
02/01/2023	490,000.00	2.5000%	2.300%
02/01/2024	505,000.00	2.7500%	2.450%
02/01/2025	520,000.00	3.0000%	2.700%
02/01/2026	535,000.00	3.0000%	2.800%
02/01/2027	550,000.00	3.0000%	100.00%
02/01/2028	570,000.00	3.2500%	100.00%
02/01/2029	590,000.00	3.5000%	3.450%
02/01/2030	610,000.00	3.6250%	3.600%
02/01/2031	635,000.00	3.6250%	100.00%
02/01/2032	655,000.00	3.7500%	100.00%

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Call Option: Bonds maturing on 02/01/2024 to 02/01/2032 callable in whole or in part on any date beginning 02/01/2023 @ par.

#### Comb Tax & Ltd Pledge Rev C/O Ser 2018

Bank Qualified Tax Treatment: Original Issue Amount \$5.955.000.00 Dated Date: 09/05/2018 08/13/2018 Sale Date: Delivery Date: 09/05/2018 Sale Type: Competitive TIC: 3 1491% Record Date: MSRB Bond Form: BF Denomination \$5,000

Semi-Annually: 08/01, 02/01 Interest pays

1st Coupon Date: 02/01/2019

Paying Agent: The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., Dallas, TX

Bond Counsel: Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP, Austin, TX Financial Advisor: Specialized Public Finance Inc., Austin, TX

Lead Manager: Janney Montgomery Scott LLC

Security: Limited Tax and a Subordinate lien on the Net revenues of the County

Jail not to exceed \$1.000.

Use of Proceeds: County Improvements.

		Oı	rig Reoffering	
Maturity	Amount	Coupon	Price/Yield	
02/01/2023	60,000.00	3.0000%	2.200%	
02/01/2024	80,000.00	4.0000%	2.300%	
02/01/2025	95,000.00	4.0000%	2.400%	
02/01/2026	120,000.00	5.0000%	2.500%	
02/01/2027	385,000.00	5.0000%	2.600%	
02/01/2028	400,000.00	4.0000%	2.650%	
02/01/2029	415,000.00	3.0000%	2.800%	
02/01/2030	430,000.00	3.0000%	2.900%	
02/01/2031	445,000.00	3.0000%	100.00%	
02/01/2038T	3,525,000.00	3.2500%	100.00%	
			\$5,	955,000.00

Call Option: Bonds maturing on 02/01/2028 to 02/01/2031 and term bonds maturing on 02/01/2038 callable in whole or in part on any date beginning 02/01/2027 @

Term Call: Term bonds maturing on 02/01/2038 subject to mandatory redemption as

Redemption Date	Principal Amount
02/01/2032	\$455,000
02/01/2033	\$470,000
02/01/2034	\$485,000
02/01/2035	\$505,000
02/01/2036	\$520,000
02/01/2037	\$535,000
02/01/2038	\$555,000
	\$3,525,000

#### Ltd Tax Ref Bds Taxable Ser 2019

Tax Treatment: Taxable Original Issue Amount \$3,530,000.00 Dated Date: 08/29/2019 Sale Date: 08/01/2019 Delivery Date: 08/29/2019 Sale Type: Negotiated NTC. 2 4288% Record Date: MSRR Bond Form: Denomination \$5,000

Semi-Annually: 08/01, 02/01 Interest pays

1st Coupon Date: 02/01/2020

Paying Agent: The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., Dallas, TX

Bond Counsel: Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP, Austin, TX

Financial Advisor: Specialized Public Finance Inc., Austin, TX

Lead Manager: Raymond James

Underwriter's Counsel: McCall, Parkhurst & Horton L.L.P., Austin, TX

Use of Proceeds: Refunding.

Refunding Notes: This bond refunded maturities from the following issues:

Mat Date Coupon Price Schod Call

C/O Series 2007

Refunded Amount Mat Date Coupon Price Sched Call 2,830,000.00\*\* 02/01/2027 4.340 Par 09/04/2019

C/O Ser 2010

Refullaca Allount	riat Date	Coupon	FIICE	Scried Carr
60,000.00	08/01/2020	3.250	Par	09/04/2019
60,000.00	08/01/2021	3.500	Par	09/04/2019
65,000.00	08/01/2022	3.750	Par	09/04/2019
70,000.00	08/01/2023	3.750	Par	09/04/2019
70,000.00	08/01/2024	4.000	Par	09/04/2019
75,000.00	08/01/2025	4.000	Par	09/04/2019
75,000.00	08/01/2026	4.250	Par	09/04/2019

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255.000.00 08/01/2029 4.500 Par 09/04/2019

\*\* Remainder

		0r	ig Reoffering	
Maturity	Amount	Coupon	Price/Yield	
02/01/2022	450,000.00	4.0000%	2.100%	
02/01/2023	470,000.00	4.0000%	2.150%	
02/01/2024	485,000.00	4.0000%	2.250%	
02/01/2025	510,000.00	4.0000%	2.380%	
02/01/2026	520,000.00	2.5000%	100.00%	
02/01/2027	100,000.00	2.6500%	100.00%	
02/01/2028	70,000.00	2.7500%	100.00%	
02/01/2029	75,000.00	2.8500%	100.00%	

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Call Option: Non Callable

#### Comb Tax & Ltd Pledge C/O Ser 2020

Tax Treatment: Bank Qualified Original Issue Amount \$3,000,000.00 Dated Date: 09/03/2020 Sale Date: 08/11/2020 Delivery Date: 09/03/2020 Private Placement Sale Type:

NIC: 1.2800% MSRB Record Date: Bond Form: Denomination

Semi-Annually: 08/01, 02/01 Interest pays

1st Coupon Date: 02/01/2021

Paying Agent: First National Bank Texas, Killeen, TX Bond Counsel: Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP, Austin, TX Financial Advisor: Specialized Public Finance Inc., Austin, TX

Purchaser: First National Bank Texas, Killeen, TX

Placement Agent: FHN Financial

Security : Limited Tax and a Subordinate lien on the Net revenues of the Jail

Jail 68.32%

Use of Proceeds: County Improvements.

Maturity	Amount	Or Coupon	rig Reoffering Price/Yield
02/01/2022 02/01/2023 02/01/2024 02/01/2025 02/01/2026 02/01/2027 02/01/2028 02/01/2029 02/01/2030 02/01/2031 02/01/2032	180,000.00 190,000.00 190,000.00 190,000.00 195,000.00 195,000.00 205,000.00 205,000.00 205,000.00 205,000.00	1.2800% 1.2800% 1.2800% 1.2800% 1.2800% 1.2800% 1.2800% 1.2800% 1.2800% 1.2800% 1.2800%	N/A N/A N/A N/A N/A N/A N/A N/A N/A
02/01/2032 02/01/2033 02/01/2034 02/01/2035	215,000.00 215,000.00 215,000.00 220,000.00	1.2800% 1.2800% 1.2800% 1.2800%	N/A N/A N/A N/A

Call Option: Non Callable

#### Grand Total ========= \$17,585,000.00

#### **Bond Debt Service**

Period Endi	ng Principal	Interest	Debt Service
09/30/22 09/30/23 09/30/24 09/30/25 09/30/25 09/30/26 09/30/27 09/30/29 09/30/30 09/30/31 09/30/32 09/30/33 09/30/35 09/30/36	1,105,000.00 1,210,000.00 1,260,000.00 1,315,000.00 1,370,000.00 1,232,000.00 1,235,000.00 1,245,000.00 1,245,000.00 1,325,000.00 1,325,000.00 1,325,000.00 1,325,000.00 1,325,000.00 1,325,000.00 1,325,000.00 1,325,000.00 1,325,000.00	514,005.01 480,868.26 443,767.51 403,191.76 363,302.76 324,081.76 245,757.01 208,008.01 169,693.38 129,146.00 99,081.50 80,810.75 61,939.25 43,875.00	1,619,005.01 1,690,868.26 1,703,767.51 1,718,191.76 1,733,302.76 1,554,081.76 1,519,160.76 1,530,757.01 1,453,008.01 1,454,693.38 1,454,146.00 784,081.50 780,810.75 786,939.25 563,875.00
09/30/37 09/30/38	535,000.00 555,000.00	26,731.25 9,018.75	561,731.25 564,018.75
	17,585,000.00	3,887,438.72	21,472,438.72

COMPUTED ON BASIS OF MANDATORY REDEMPTION

#### **Debt Amortization Rates**

Debt Amortization Nates							
	%	of Principal					
Period Ending	Principal	Retired					
00.400.40000	1 105 000 00	06.00%					
09/30/2022	1,105,000.00	06.28%					
09/30/2023	1,210,000.00	13.16%					
09/30/2024	1,260,000.00	20.33%					
09/30/2025	1,315,000.00	27.81%					
09/30/2026	1,370,000.00	35.60%					
09/30/2027	1,230,000.00	42.59%					
09/30/2028	1,235,000.00	49.62%					
09/30/2029	1,285,000.00	56.92%					
09/30/2030	1,245,000.00	64.00%					
09/30/2031	1,285,000.00	71.31%					
09/30/2032	1,325,000.00	78.85%					
09/30/2033	685,000.00	82.74%					
09/30/2034	700,000.00	86.72%					
09/30/2035	725,000.00	90.84%					
09/30/2036	520,000.00	93.80%					
09/30/2037	535,000.00	96.84%					
09/30/2038	555,000.00	100.00%					

#### **DEBT SERVICE FUND MANAGEMENT INDEX**

G.O. Debt Service Requirements for	
fiscal year-ending 09/30/2022	\$1,619,005
I&S Fds all G.O. issues 09/30/2021	\$838,914
2021 I&S Fund Tax Levy @ 90%	1,151,532
Jail	146,806
Total	2,137,252

#### **AUTHORIZED BUT UNISSUED**

GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AUTHORIZED BUT UNISSUED None.

#### **PENSION FUND LIABILITY**



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The County provides retirement, disability, and death benefits for all of its full-time employees through a nontraditional defined benefit pension plan in the statewide Texas County and District Retirement System ("TCDRS"). The Board of Trustees of TCDRS is responsible for the administration of the statewide agent multiple-employer public employee retirement system consisting of nontraditional defined benefit pension plans. TCDRS in the aggregate issues a comprehensive annual financial report ("CAFR") on a calendar year basis. The CAFR is available upon written request from the TCDRS Board of Trustees at P.O. Box 2034, Austin, Texas 78768-2034.

The plan provisions are adopted by the governing body of the employer, within the options available in the Texas state statutes governing TCDRS ("TCDRS Act"). Members can retire with eight or more years of service at age 60 and above, with 30 years of service regardless of age, or when the sum of their age and years of service equals 75 or more. Members are vested after 8 years of service but must leave their accumulated contributions in the plan to receive any employer-financed benefit. Members who withdraw their personal contributions in a lump sum are not entitled to any amounts contributed by their employer.

Required Contribution Rates (Percentage of gross covered salary)

nequired continuous in			· corered carary
	2023	2022	
Employee:	5.00%	5.00%	
Maximum Rate:	4.00%	4.00%	
County:	5.46%	6.02%	
Actuarial Valuation as	of	12/31/2021	12/31/2020
Assets		\$25,875,330	\$24,048,817
Accrued Liabilities		\$27,873,319	\$26,150,205
(Unfunded)/Overfunded L	iab.	(\$1,997,989)	(\$2,101,388)
Funded Ratio		92.83%	91.96%
Annual Covered Payrol		\$11,568,089	\$11,138,709
(Unfunded)/Overfunded	Liability	1	
as a % of Covered	Payroll	(17.27)%	(18.87)%

#### CHANGES IN NET PENSION LIABLITY AND RELATED RATIOS

Total Pension Liability Plan Fiduciary Net Position	12/31/2021 \$26,970,924 \$30,168,158	\$25,353,616
Net Pension Liability(Asset) Fiduciary Net Position as a	(\$3,197,234)	\$498,412
% of Total Pension Liability	111.85%	98.03%
Covered Employee Payroll	\$11,568,089	\$11,138,709
Net Pension Liability as a		
% of Covered Payroll	(27.64)%	4.47%
Employer Contributions	\$525,193	\$490.141
Employee Contributions	\$578.404	
Pension Expense	(\$44,475)	\$571,754
Membership Data: Number of Annuitants Number of Members	141 557 267	137 529 259
Number of Depositing Members	207	259
Total	965	925

Source: Texas County and District Retirement System.

#### **NON FUNDED DEBT**

NON-FUNDED DEBT PAYABLE (As of September 30, 2021)

The County reports additional debt in the principal amount of 597,260 under Govt Activities as follows:

Amount Reported
Outstanding Under

Compensated Absences \$597,260 Govt Activities

#### **OVERLAPPING DEBT**

Taxing Body	Debt Amount	As Of	%0v1pg	Ovlpg Amt
Austin CCD Gonzales ISD Hays CISD Lockhart ISD Lockhart, City of Luling ISD Luling, City of Mustang Ridge, City of Prairie Lea ISD San Marcos CISD	\$414,210,000 20,704,863 668,310,000 58,634,961 22,700,000 31,867,000 4,035,000 364,000 7,115,000 198,735,000	* 10/31/22 * 10/31/22 * 10/31/22 * 10/31/22 * 10/31/22 * 10/31/22 * 10/31/22 * 10/31/22	1.91 0.52 100.00 100.00 87.21 97.83 19.96 80.85	3,475,212 58,634,961 22,700,000 27,791,211 3,947,441 72,654 5,752,478
San Marcos, City of Waelder ISD		* 10/31/22	0.64	2,584,256
Total Overlapping Debt:				\$132,185,262
Caldwell Co		09/30/21		\$14,822,878
Total Direct and Overlapp	oing Debt:			\$147,008,140
Total Direct and Overlapp Total Direct and Overlapp	-			3.27% \$3,291

<sup>\*</sup> Gross Debt

#### **ECONOMIC BACKGROUND**

Caldwell County is a south central Texas county created and organized in 1848 from Bastrop and Gonzales Counties. The county is bordered by the San Marcos River and traversed by Interstate Highway 10, U.S. Highway 183, and State Highways 21, 80 and 304.

COUNTY SEAT: Lockhart

2020 census: 45,883 increasing 20.5% since 2010 2010 census: 38,066 increasing 18.2% since 2000 2000 census: 32,194

ECONOMIC BASE

Mineral: sand, oil, gravel and gas.

Industry: petroleum, manufacturing and government.

Agricultural: hay, eggs, broilers and beef cattle.

OIL AND GAS - 2021

The oil production for this county accounts for 0.06% of the total state production. The county ranks 68 out of all the counties in Texas for oil production

OIL PRODUCTION (Texas Railroad Commission)

 Year
 Description Volume
 % Change From Previous Year

 2018
 0il
 1,098,068 BBL
 -3.66

 2019
 0il
 986,769 BBL
 -10.14

 2020
 0il
 941,738 BBL
 -4.56

 2021
 0il
 829,245 BBL
 -11.95

CASINGHEAD (Texas Railroad Commission)

Year	Description	Volume		% Change	From	Previous	Year
2018	Casinghead	30,643	MCF	-72.82			
2019	Casinghead	31,677	MCF	3.37			
2020	Casinghead	34,252	MCF	8.13			
2021	Casinghead	29,692	MCF	-13.31			

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PARKS	(Texas Pa	arks &	Wild	lite)	
Year	Descripti	ion		Volume	
2018	Lockhart	State	Park	58,326	Visitors
2019	Lockhart	State	Park	60,083	Visitors
2020	Lockhart	State	Park	30,425	Visitors

RETAIL SALES & EFFECTIVE BUYING INCOME	(The Nie	lsen Compai	ny)
Year	2018	2017	2016
Retail Sales	\$266.5M	\$272.3M	\$655.8M
Effective Buying Income (EBI)	\$784.0M	\$785.5M	\$733.7M
County Median Household Income	\$45,641	\$45,191	\$42,655
State Median Household Income	\$61,175	\$57,227	\$55,352
% of Households with EBI below \$25K	22.5%	23.7%	13.2%
% of Households with EBI above \$25K	69.9%	68.8%	66.8%

EMPLOY	LOYMENT DATA (Texas Workforce Commission)						
	2022		2021		2020		
	Employed	Earnings	Employed	Earnings	Employed	Earnings	
1st Q:	9,289	\$98.1M	8,731	\$84.9M	8,895	\$84.5M	
2nd Q:	N/A	N/A	8,912	\$92.1M	8,272	\$83.5M	
3rd Q:	N/A	N/A	8,921	\$95.2M	8,642	\$87.4M	
4th Q:	N/A	N/A	9.204	\$104.7M	8.840	\$94.4M	

Starting Q4 2021 includes Federal Data

MAJOR COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES: Texas State University, Austin Community College

COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES Fall Enrollment Year Total 2021 2 70,754 2020 2 74,680 2019 2 76,917

#### **TOP TAXPAYERS**

Principal Taxpayers	2022 A.V.	% of A.V.
1. Permian Highway Pipeline Industrial - Oil & Gas Pipeline	\$86,110,820	1.92%
LCRA Transmission Services Corp.     Utility - Electric Utility/Power Plan	66,388,220 t.	1.48%
3. Texas Petroleum Investment Co. Mineral - Oil & Gas	44,803,655	1.00%
4. Costa Energy LLC Industrial - Oil & Gas Pipeline	24,061,377	0.54%
5. FHR Corpus Christi LLC  Mineral - Oil & Gas	22,005,430	0.49%
6. Union Pacific Railroad Co. Utility - Railroad	21,899,040	0.49%
7. ExxonMobil Pipeline Co. Industrial - Oil & Gas Pipeline	16,315,210	0.36%
8. Bluebonnet Electric Co-Op Inc. Utility - Electric Utility/Power Plan	13,679,630 t	0.30%
9. Oasis Pipe Line Co. TX LP Industrial - Oil & Gas Pipeline	11,627,251	0.26%
10. Economy Realty Ltd.  Commercial - Retail Store	10,773,590	0.24%
Total:	\$317,664,223	7.08%

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#### **Summary:**

## Caldwell County, Texas; General **Obligation**

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US\$3.69 mil ltd tax rfdg bnds ser 2019 dtd 08/29/2019 due 02/01/2029						
Long Term Rating	AA-/Stable	New				
Caldwell Cnty GO						
Long Term Rating	AA-/Stable	Affirmed				

#### Rationale

S&P Global Ratings assigned its 'AA-' rating to Caldwell County, Texas' series 2019 limited-tax refunding bonds. At the same time, S&P Global affirmed its 'AA-' rating on the county's existing general obligation (GO) debt. The outlook is stable.

The bonds are payable from the county's ad valorem taxes, which are levied on all taxable property. Despite state statutory tax-rate limitations, we do not differentiate between the county's limited-tax debt rating and its general creditworthiness. That's because the ad valorem taxes are collected from a broad tax base and there are no restrictions on what the limited tax can be used for, which supports our view of the county's overall ability and willingness to pay debt service. State statutes limit the ad valorem tax rate for counties to 80 cents per \$100 of taxable assessed valuation (AV) for all purposes. In addition, the Texas attorney general will permit the allocation of 40 cents of the 80 cents maximum tax rate for ad valorem tax debt service. For fiscal 2019, the county's levy is below the maximum, at 77.52 cents per \$100 of AV, 6.5 cents of which is specifically dedicated to debt service.

The rating reflects the county's improving economic metrics that benefit from proximity to the rapidly growing Austin metropolitan statistical area (MSA). The rating also reflects the county's financial stability that is demonstrated through a long-term trend of strong surplus operating results, which have been achieved while effectively managing debt and capital needs.

Proceeds of the 2019 bonds will refund existing debt for debt services savings.

The rating reflects our opinion of the following credit factors:

- Adequate economy, with market value per capita of \$55,147 and projected per capita effective buying income at 71.3%, but that is benefitting from access to a broad and diverse MSA;
- Adequate management, with standard financial policies and practices under our Financial Management Assessment methodology;
- Strong budgetary performance, with operating surpluses in the general fund and at the total governmental fund level in fiscal 2018:
- Very strong budgetary flexibility, with an available fund balance in fiscal 2018 of 56% of operating expenditures;

- Very strong liquidity, with total government available cash at 90.0% of total governmental fund expenditures and 15.9x governmental debt service, and access to external liquidity we consider strong;
- Adequate debt and contingent liability position, with debt service carrying charges at 5.7% of expenditures and net direct debt that is 72.2% of total governmental fund revenue; and
- Strong institutional framework score.

#### Adequate economy

We consider the county's economy adequate. Caldwell County, with an estimated population of 41,764, is located in the Austin-Round Rock MSA, which we consider to be broad and diverse. The county has a projected per capita effective buying income of 71.3% of the national level and per capita market value of \$55,147. Overall, the county's market value grew by 11.0% over the past year to \$2.3 billion in 2019. The county unemployment rate was 3.6% in 2018.

Spanning an area of 547 square miles, Caldwell County is located directly south of Travis County and between Hays and Bastrop counties in south-central Texas. The county seat, Lockhart, is situated approximately 30 miles south of downtown Austin and 60 miles northeast of San Antonio; accordingly, county residents have easy access to leading employment centers throughout both MSAs. The local economy itself is predominately based in agriculture, light manufacturing, and fossil fuel production, and we consider the tax base very diverse, with the top 10 taxpayers accounting for 8.5% of total assessed value (AV) in fiscal 2019. AV increased 24% between fiscal 2016 and 2019, with growth rates accelerating each year, but averaging 7% annual growth. Management expects continued growth over the next few years, as economic development continues. Projects that are currently underway include a large industrial development, two residential subdivisions, and several commercial establishments.

#### Adequate management

We view the county's management as adequate, with standard financial policies and practices under our Financial Management Assessment methodology, indicating the finance department maintains adequate policies in some but not all key areas. Caldwell County management examines three years of historical trend data to project revenues and expenditures for the following fiscal year. Input from outside sources is also used in an attempt to anticipate any potential deviations from trends. The budget can be amended as needed throughout the fiscal year, and management provides monthly budget-to-actual reporting to the board. The county's investment policy complies with state statutes, and investment holdings and earnings are reported quarterly to the board. The county's formal reserve policy requires maintenance of available fund balance sufficient to cover 2.5 months (or 20.8%) or expenditures. The county typically meets and exceeds this reserve target. The county does not have a debt management policy, a capital improvement plan, or a long-term financial plan.

#### Strong budgetary performance

Caldwell County's budgetary performance is strong in our opinion. The county had operating surpluses of 13.5% of expenditures in the general fund and of 12.9% across all governmental funds in fiscal 2018. In assessing the county's budgetary performance, we made adjustments for annually recurring transfers out of the general fund to both the unit road and grant funds. The county has consistently maintained positive operating results in each of the past three audited fiscal years at the general fund and total governmental fund level, with surpluses ranging from 8% to 13% of

expenditures. The county adopted a balanced budget, after transfers for fiscal 2019. Based on actual revenue and expenditure performance fiscal-year-to-date, management expects to end the year with a fourth consecutive surplus, which will allow continued growth in reserves. Based on recent trends and a demonstrated track record of outperforming budget, we expect performance to remain strong during the two-year outlook period.

#### Very strong budgetary flexibility

Caldwell County's budgetary flexibility is very strong, in our view, with an available fund balance in fiscal 2018 of 56% of operating expenditures, or \$10.4 million. We expect the available fund balance to remain above 30% of expenditures for the current and next fiscal years, which we view as a positive credit factor. The county has consistently maintained very strong reserves in each of the past three audited years, building available fund balance from \$5.7 million in fiscal 2016 to \$10.4 million in fiscal 2018, amounts equal to 34% to 56% of general fund expenditures. The county's internal goal is to maintain reserve sufficient to cover at least 29% of expenditures, which typically meets and is currently exceeding. With no plans to draw on fund balance in 2019 or 2020, we expect flexibility to remain very strong throughout the outlook period.

#### Very strong liquidity

In our opinion, Caldwell County's liquidity is very strong, with total government available cash at 90.0% of total governmental fund expenditures and 15.9x governmental debt service in 2018. In our view, the county has strong access to external liquidity if necessary.

The county has demonstrated its access to external liquidity through its prior issuance of limited-tax certificates over the past decade. The county has historically maintained very strong cash balances, and based on our expectation for continued positive operating results, we do not believe its cash position will materially weaken. All current investments comply with state statutes and the county's internal investment policy. At fiscal year-end 2018, investments were held entirely in local government investment pools, with maturities of less than 60 days. We do not consider these relatively liquid investments to be aggressive. In addition, we have not identified exposure to any contingent liabilities that could threaten the county's liquidity, and we therefore expect its liquidity to remain very strong throughout the outlook period.

#### Adequate debt and contingent liability profile

In our view, Caldwell County's debt and contingent liability profile is adequate. Total governmental fund debt service is 5.7% of total governmental fund expenditures, and net direct debt is 72.2% of total governmental fund revenue. Proceeds of the 2019 bonds will refinance the county's series 2007 and 2010 certificates for debt service savings. The county has no plans to issue additional new money debt at this time.

Caldwell County's pension contributions totaled 1.9% of total governmental fund expenditures in 2018. The county made its full annual required pension contribution in 2018. The county provides retirement, disability, and survivor benefits to all full-time employees through a statewide agent, multiple-employer, public employee, retirement system through the Texas County and District Retirement System. Pursuant to state law, employers participating in the system must pay 100% of their actuarially determined required contributions annually. Caldwell County reported a net pension asset as of Dec. 31, 2017 and a funded ratio--calculated as plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of total pension liability--of 103.7%. The county does not offer any other postemployment benefits.

#### Strong institutional framework

The institutional framework score for Texas counties is strong.

#### Outlook

The stable outlook reflects our view of the county's stable and improving economy within the broad and diverse Austin-Round Rock MSA, as well as its very strong flexibility and liquidity. We do not expect to change the rating within the two-year outlook period.

#### Upside scenario

We could raise the rating if the county's economic metrics improve to levels we consider comparable to higher rated peers and the county adopts and implements additional financial management policies and practices, especially related to long-term financial and capital planning.

#### Downside scenario

We could lower the rating if the county's financial performance deteriorates, leading to sustained and significant drawdowns in reserves.

#### Related Research

- S&P Public Finance Local GO Criteria: How We Adjust Data For Analytic Consistency, Sept. 12, 2013
- Incorporating GASB 67 And 68: Evaluating Pension/OPEB Obligations Under Standard & Poor's U.S. Local Government GO Criteria, Sept. 2, 2015

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