

**Haywood County Tourism Development Authority  
(A Component Unit of Haywood County)  
Lake Junaluska, North Carolina**

**Correspondence to Management**

**June 30, 2025**

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CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

Board of Directors  
Haywood County Tourism Development Authority  
Lake Junaluska, North Carolina

We have audited the financial statements of the Haywood County Tourism Development Authority (the “Authority”) for the year ended June 30, 2025. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our letter to you dated April 7, 2025. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

#### Significant Audit Findings

##### *Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices*

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by the Authority are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were implemented and the application of existing policy did not change.

We noted no transactions entered into by the governmental unit during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management’s knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop estimates in determining that the estimates were reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

##### *Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit*

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

##### *Audit Adjustments*

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define an audit adjustment as a proposed correction of the financial statements that, in our judgment, may not have been detected except through our auditing procedures. An audit adjustment may or may not indicate matters that could have a significant effect on the Haywood County Tourism Development Authority’s financial reporting process (that is, to cause future financial statements to be materially misstated). Two such misstatements were noted. The first is to correct a misstatement whereby approximately \$18,000 of FY26 expenditures were included in accounts payable at June 30, 2025. The second is to correct a misstatement whereby cash was overstated and prepaids were understated by approximately \$22,000 as a result of several checks that were written on June 30<sup>th</sup>, but were incorrectly dated for July 1<sup>st</sup> in the Authority’s general ledger system.

### *Disagreements with Management*

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

### *Management Representations*

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated December 31, 2025.

### *Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants*

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the governmental unit's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

### *Other Audit Findings or Issues*

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the governmental unit's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

This information is intended solely for the use of Board of Directors and management of Haywood County Tourism Development Authority and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

*Donald Killian CPA Group, P.A.*

Asheville, North Carolina  
December 31, 2025