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News Release
Collier Clerk Presents County Commissioners with the 2019 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report

At the Collier County Board of County Commissioners meeting held on Tuesday, March 10, 2020, the Office of Collier County Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller Crystal Kinzel presented the 2019 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). Director of Finance and Accounting Derek Johnssen led the discussion which included a presentation by the external audit firm of CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP.

Florida Statutes require that each county shall have an annual financial audit of its accounts and records completed within nine months after the end of its fiscal year. To satisfy this requirement, the Collier County Clerk’s office produces a comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR) in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles and submits the report for an audit by a firm of independent licensed certified public accountants. The CAFR is a comprehensive financial report that encompasses the entire financial operations for county government operations, including the constitutional officers. It serves as a valuable tool for assessing the county’s fiscal health and for long-term financial planning. As Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller, the Clerk is responsible for the annual production of the CAFR.

“We take our stewardship of public funds very seriously,” said Clerk Crystal Kinzel. “Our goal with the CAFR is to provide transparent and thorough financial reporting to our citizens. The professional finance team works hard to achieve that goal. I encourage all residents to learn more about how public funds are being managed. The 2019 CAFR will be available for viewing on our website, www.CollierClerk.com."

Included in the 2019 CAFR is the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting that was awarded to the Collier Clerk by the Government Finance Officers Association last year. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management. The Clerk’s finance team has been awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting every year since 1986 and will submit the current report for review.

County commissioners unanimously accepted the 2019 CAFR, which included an unmodified (or “clean”) audit opinion from CliftonLarsonAllen LLP. Earlier in the meeting, county commissioners expressed their appreciation to the Clerk’s Finance and Accounting team by designating March 16-20, 2020 as Government Finance Professionals Week.

The 2019 CAFR is available for viewing on www.CollierClerk.com. For more information, contact Mike Sheffield, Director of Community Relations and Outreach at (239) 252-6879 or Mike.Sheffield@CollierClerk.com.

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