INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Anthony Nicks, County Auditor

FROM: Dick Anderson, County Manager

DATE: November 14, 2016

RE: Wolf Creek Amphitheater Audit Response

We have received and appreciate your thorough review of the Wolf Creek Amphitheater (WCA). In terms of the operational findings, we find those disturbing and have taken immediate action where appropriate to place new controls in place. As well, we have received responses to the RFP for private management of WCA and will be making recommendation to the BOC on vendor selection in December 2016.

Following my appointment in March 2015, we, began an in-depth policy review of WCA at the conclusion of the 2015 season. Beginning in November 2015, representatives of the offices of County Manager, Chief Operating Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Legal and Board of Commissioners working with WCA management met and worked through a set of proposed policies to enhance operations and business controls of WCA. In addition, the group concluded that a private management model would best serve the County's interest long-term and initiated the development of the RFP for a private management alternative.

At this point, the WCA audit underscores the necessity to move to a new operating model under private management, which will allow the County to continue to provide an attractive entertainment and cultural option to citizens.

We look forward to vendor selection in December and successful 2017 season at WCA.