

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
Quarterly Investment Report for FY 20-21  
December 31, 2020**

**INTRODUCTION**

The formal written investment policy sets forth the investment objectives and parameters for investment decisions made by the Highlands County Clerk of Courts (Clerk). The investment policy applies to all cash and investments, under the direct control of the Highlands County Board of County Commissioners (Board), in excess of those required to meet current expenses. This policy does not apply to any funds held on behalf of any of the other Constitutional Officers.

In accordance with the investment policy, this investment report is being submitted to the Clerk of Courts and the Board of County Commissioners.

**SIGNIFICANT CHANGES TO BOARD'S PORTFOLIO**

There were no significant changes to the Board's portfolio during the quarter ending December 31, 2020.

**PORTFOLIO SUMMARY**

The primary objectives of the Board's investment activities are Safety, Liquidity, and Yield. The following is a summary of the Board's portfolio as of December 31, 2020. A comprehensive table of the Board's investment portfolio can be found in the appendix.

**Safety**

Safety of principal is the foremost objective of the Board's investment policy. The Board's investment policy sets diversification limits to minimize the risk of loss resulting from over concentration of assets in a specific maturity, issuer, instrument, dealer or bank. To quickly evaluate portfolio percentage limitations, please see Tables 1 and 2 below. These tables show the actual percentages invested, compared to the maximum allowed percentages as indicated in the policy.

**Table 1: Portfolio Institution Limitations**

Institution	Investment Actual	Policy Limitation
TD Bank	0.00%	80.00%
SunTrust Bank	65.20%	80.00%
JP Morgan Chase	0.04%	80.00%
FL PRIME	7.23%	30.00%
FLGIT	1.29%	30.00%
FL PALM	6.06%	30.00%
FL CLASS	7.10%	30.00%
FL SAFE	6.09%	30.00%
FL FIT	6.99%	30.00%

**Table 2: Portfolio Instrument Type Limitations**

Instrument Type	Investment Actual	Policy Limitation
Public Funds Depository Accounts	65.24%	80.00%
Certificates of Deposit	0.00%	50.00%
Local Government Investment Pools	34.76%	75.00%

As shown in Table 1, the Board’s portfolio is compliant with its institution diversification policy limitations as of December 31, 2020. As shown in Table 2, as of December 31<sup>st</sup>, all instrument type limitations were also met.

State Statutes require that public funds only be deposited in financial institutions that are certified as a qualified public depository (QPD) by the State of Florida. The QPD program is a voluntary, statewide collateralization program that provides protection of public funds, similar to FDIC insurance. All funds deposited with TD Bank, SunTrust Bank, JP Morgan Chase, and Regions Bank are fully collateralized under the QPD program.

### Liquidity

The Board’s Investment Portfolio consists largely of investments with active secondary or resale markets to allow for dynamic liquidity to ensure all cash demands are met. As of December 31, 2020, the weighted average maturity (WAM) of the portfolio is 3 days.

### Yield

The Investment Portfolio is limited to relatively low risk investments in anticipation of earning a fair return relative to the risk assumed. As of December 31, 2020, the portfolio’s 30-day weighted average yield is 0.124% which is 0.119% higher than our benchmark (S&P Rated Government Investment Pool Index) of 0.005%. The portfolio’s 12-month weighted average yield is 1.544% which is 1.484% higher than our 12-month yield benchmark of 0.060%.

## TRANSACTIONS

Table 3 provides a summary of the transactions that occurred during the quarter ending December 31, 2020.

**Table 3: Summary of Investment Transactions**

Date	Amount	Transferred From	Transferred To
10/1/2020	\$310,383.78	TD Bank Clearing	SunTrust Clearing
10/7/2020	\$151,400.85	TD Bank Clearing	SunTrust Clearing
10/14/2020	\$7,065.70	TD Bank Clearing	SunTrust Clearing
10/30/2020	\$4,000,000.00	FL PRIME	SunTrust Clearing
10/30/2020	\$3,000,000.00	FL CLASS	SunTrust Clearing
10/30/2020	\$10,000,000.00	FL FIT	SunTrust Clearing
10/30/2020	\$2,000,000.00	FL PALM	SunTrust Clearing

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**Appendix: Investment Portfolio Summary**

Investment Name	Book Value (General Ledger Balance)	Market Value (Statement Balance)	30 Day Rate of Return	12 Month Rate of Return	Quarterly Investment Earnings	YTD Investment Earnings	Quarterly Fees	Credit Rating	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Average Maturity (In Days)
TD Bank - Clearing	\$ -	\$ -	0.000%	0.000%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 679.73	(a) 4 stars	N/A	N/A	0
SunTrust Clearing	\$ 60,449,460.23	\$ 62,411,668.31	0.179%	2.150%	\$ 174,029.04	\$ 174,029.04	\$ -	(a) 5 stars	N/A	N/A	0
SunTrust Sweep	\$ 17,809.38	\$ 15,819.56	0.179%	2.150%	\$ 93.37	\$ 93.37	\$ -	(a) 5 stars	N/A	N/A	0
JP Morgan Chase - Cigna	\$ 352,000.00	\$ 36,802.50	0.000%	0.000%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	(a) 5 stars	N/A	N/A	0
TD Bank - 12 month CD	\$ -	\$ -	0.000%	0.000%	\$ 18,265.61	\$ 18,265.61	(c)	Not Rated	12/20/2019	12/21/2020	0
FL PRIME	\$ 6,927,024.05	\$ 6,927,024.05	0.015%	0.180%	\$ 4,985.17	\$ 4,985.17	(c)	(b) AAAM	Various	N/A	1
FLGIT - Short-Term Bond	\$ 630,997.38	\$ 630,997.38	0.112%	3.304%	\$ 1,173.29	\$ 1,173.29	(c)	(b) AAaf	Various	N/A	3
FLGIT - Day to Day Fund	\$ 605,021.20	\$ 605,021.20	0.009%	0.640%	\$ 210.22	\$ 210.22	(c)	(b) AAAM	Various	N/A	1
FL PALM	\$ 5,800,109.44	\$ 5,800,109.44	0.008%	0.100%	\$ 2,419.42	\$ 2,419.42	(c)	(b) AAAM	Various	N/A	1
FL CLASS	\$ 6,795,014.34	\$ 6,795,014.34	0.016%	0.191%	\$ 4,313.70	\$ 4,313.70	(c)	(b) AAAM	Various	N/A	1
FL SAFE - Stable NAV	\$ 2,625,831.91	\$ 2,625,831.91	0.011%	0.130%	\$ 1,077.17	\$ 1,077.17	(c)	(b) AAAM	Various	N/A	1
FL SAFE - Variable NAV	\$ 3,208,500.00	\$ 3,208,500.00	0.075%	1.935%	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 2,700.00	(c)	(b) AAaf	11/1/2017	3/31/2021	90
FL FIT - Cash Pool	\$ 6,692,655.99	\$ 6,692,655.99	0.019%	0.220%	\$ 7,458.39	\$ 7,458.39	(c)	(b) AAaf	Various	N/A	1
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 94,104,423.92</b>	<b>\$ 95,749,444.68</b>	<b>0.124%</b>	<b>1.544%</b>	<b>\$ 216,725.38</b>	<b>\$ 216,725.38</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>3</b>

(a) At Bauer Financial, banks are rated by stars. As of 9/30/2020, TD Bank was rated 4 stars and SunTrust and JP Morgan Chase were rated 5 stars. The rating system is: 5 star is Superior; 4 star is Excellent; 3 1/2 star is Good; 3 star is Adequate; 2 star is Problematic; 1 star is Troubled.

(b) The Standard & Poor's rating scale is as follows, from excellent to poor: AAA, AA+, AA, AA-, A+, A, A-, BBB+, BBB, BBB-, BB+, BB, BB-, B+, B, B-, CCC+, CCC, CCC-, CC, C, D. Any rating lower than a BBB- is considered a speculative or junk bond.

(c) All rates of return are reported net of fees.