AUDIT REPORT OF FRANKLIN COUNTY

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LIST OF COUNTY OFFICIALS

At June 30, 2006

	Term	
Name	Title	<u>Expires</u>
David Walton	Board of Supervisors	Jan. 2009
Leroy Schafer		Jan. 2009
Douglas Hammer		Jan. 2007
Wayne Volk		Jan. 2007
Dale Loschen		Jan. 2009
Virgil Juranek		Jan. 2007
Michael Dallmann		Jan. 2007
Patrick Duncan	Attorney	Jan. 2007
Marcia Volk	Clerk Election Commissioner Register of Deeds	Jan. 2007
	Clerk of the District Court	Jan. 2007
Jerry Archer	Sheriff	Jan. 2007
Connie Hunt	Treasurer	Jan. 2007
Art Johnsen	Veterans' Service Officer	Appointed
Mark Goebel	Weed Superintendent	Appointed
Wayne Bach	Highway Superintendent	Appointed

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FRANKLIN COUNTY

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Supervisors Franklin County, Nebraska

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Franklin County, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2006, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements as listed in the Table of Contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the County's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

As discussed in Note 1, these financial statements were prepared on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles.

The financial statements referred to above include only the primary government of Franklin County, which consists of all funds, departments, and offices that comprise the County's legal entity. The financial statements do not include financial data for the County's legally separate component units, which accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America



require to be reported with the financial data of the County's primary government. As a result, the primary government financial statements do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of the reporting entity of Franklin County as of June 30, 2006, and the changes in its financial position for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective cash balances of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information for the primary government of Franklin County, as of June 30, 2006, and the respective changes in cash balances thereof for the year then ended in conformity with the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 26, 2007, on our consideration of Franklin County's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

The budgetary comparison information is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

The County has not presented Management's Discussion and Analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America has determined is necessary to supplement, although not required to be part of, the basic financial statements.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements. The combining nonmajor fund financial statement, nonmajor budgetary comparison information, schedule of office activity, and schedule of taxes certified and collected, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such statements and schedules have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

Assistant Deputy Auditor

Dann Haeffun CPA

March 26, 2007

FRANKLIN COUNTY STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS - CASH BASIS

June 30, 2006

	Governmental Activities		
ASSETS Cash and cash equivalents (Note 1.D)	\$	1,283,688	
Investments (Note 1.D)	-	35,000	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	1,318,688	
NET ASSETS			
Restricted for:			
Veterans' Aid	\$	85,446	
Other Purposes		422	
Unrestricted		1,232,820	
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$	1,318,688	

FRANKLIN COUNTY **STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES - CASH BASIS**

For the Year Ended June 30, 2006

				Program Ca	ceipts	Net (Disbursement)			
			Fe	es, Fines,	es, Operating			Receipts and	
		Cash	an	d Charges	Gı	rants and		Changes in	
Functions:	Di	sbursements	fo	r Services	Cor	ntributions		Net Assets	
Governmental Activities:									
General Government	\$	(868,984)	\$	129,401	\$	3,889	\$	(735,694)	
Public Safety		(461,248)		74,230		134,578		(252,440)	
Public Works		(1,230,339)		125,821		461,227		(643,291)	
Health and Sanitation		(15,955)		-		-		(15,955)	
Public Assistance		(47,067)		-		-		(47,067)	
Culture and Recreation		(1,000)		-		-		(1,000)	
Total Governmental Activities	\$	(2,624,593)	\$	329,452	\$	599,694		(1,695,447)	
		eral Receipts: operty Taxes						1,576,515	
		ants and Cont	ributi	ons Not Rest	ricted t	0		1,570,515	
		Specific Progra						60,893	
		vestment Inco						44,475	
	M	iscellaneous						79,166	
	Tota	al General Rec	eipts					1,761,049	
		nge in Net Ass						65,602	
		Assets - Begin	_					1,253,086	
	Net	Assets - Endir	ng				\$	1,318,688	

FRANKLIN COUNTY STATEMENT OF CASH BASIS ASSETS AND FUND BALANCES GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

June 30, 2006

									Other			Total
						Inheritance I		dge Escrow	Governmental		Governmental	
	Ger	neral Fund	Ro	oad Fund	Fund		Fund		Funds		Funds	
ASSETS												
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 1.D)	\$	315,608	\$	197,337	\$	453,133	\$	158,304	\$	159,306	\$	1,283,688
Investments (Note 1.D)		35,000		-		-		-		-		35,000
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	350,608	\$	197,337	\$	453,133	\$	158,304	\$	159,306	\$	1,318,688
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FUND BALANCES												
Unreserved, reported in:												
General fund	\$	350,608	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	350,608
Special revenue funds		-		197,337		453,133		158,304		159,306		968,080
TOTAL CASH BASIS FUND BALANCES	\$	350,608	\$	197,337	\$	453,133	\$	158,304	\$	159,306	\$	1,318,688

FRANKLIN COUNTY STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN CASH BASIS FUND BALANCES GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

For the Year Ended June 30, 2006

	Ge	eneral Fund			Bridge Escrow Fund		Other Governmental Funds		G	Total overnmental Funds	
RECEIPTS											
Property Taxes	\$	1,475,626	\$	-	\$ 73,081	\$	-	\$	27,808	\$	1,576,515
Licenses and Permits		14,774		45,383	-		-		-		60,157
Interest		39,379		-	99		2,136		2,861		44,475
Intergovernmental		199,247		460,597	-		-		743		660,587
Charges for Services		203,631		105,549	-		-		20,272		329,452
Miscellaneous		12,972		5,008	 _		_		1,029		19,009
TOTAL RECEIPTS		1,945,629		616,537	 73,180		2,136		52,713		2,690,195
DISBURSEMENTS											
General Government		843,639		_	4,048		_		21,297		868,984
Public Safety		461,042		_			_		206		461,248
Public Works		-		1,160,267	_		_		70,072		1,230,339
Health and Sanitation		15,955		-	-		-		-		15,955
Public Assistance		47,067		-	-		_		-		47,067
Culture and Recreation		1,000		-	-		-		-		1,000
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		1,368,703		1,160,267	4,048		-		91,575		2,624,593
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF RECEIPTS											
OVER DISBURSEMENTS		576,926		(543,730)	 69,132		2,136		(38,862)		65,602
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)											
Transfers in		=		560,000	_		15,000		60,000		635,000
Transfers out		(595,000)		(15,000)	(25,000)		-		-		(635,000)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)		(595,000)		545,000	(25,000)		15,000		60,000		-
Net Change in Fund Balances		(18,074)		1,270	44,132		17,136		21,138		65,602
CASH BASIS FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING		368,682		196,067	 409,001		141,168		138,168		1,253,086
CASH BASIS FUND BALANCES - ENDING	\$	350,608	\$	197,337	\$ 453,133	\$	158,304	\$	159,306	\$	1,318,688

STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY ASSETS AND LIABILITIES - CASH BASIS FIDUCIARY FUNDS

June 30, 2006

	Age	ency Funds
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	217,195
LIABILITIES		
Due to other governments		
State		35,584
Schools		64,927
Educational Service Units		750
Technical College		3,642
Natural Resource Districts		2,209
Fire Districts		55,205
Municipalities		11,349
Agricultural Society		762
Cemetery Districts		4,975
Townships		26,727
Hospital		1,622
Others		9,443
TOTAL LIABILITIES		217,195
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$	

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2006

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies utilized in the accounting system of Franklin County.

A. Reporting Entity

Franklin County, Nebraska (County) is a governmental entity established under and governed by the laws of the State of Nebraska (State). The County is managed by elected county officials who are elected on a political ballot for four-year terms. As a political subdivision of the State, the County is exempt from State and Federal income taxes. The financial statements include all funds of the County that are not legally separate. The County has also considered all potential component units for which it is financially accountable, and other organizations which are fiscally dependent on the County, or the significance of their relationship with the County is such that exclusion would be misleading or incomplete. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. These criteria include appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body, and (1) the ability of the County to impose its will on that organization, or (2) the potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to, or impose specific financial burdens on the County.

Component Unit. These financial statements present the County (the primary government). The Franklin County Memorial Hospital (Hospital) is a component unit of the County because of the significance of its operational and financial relationships with the County. The financial statements do not include the data of the Hospital necessary for reporting in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). Complete financial statements of the Hospital can be obtained from the Hospital's administrative office.

Joint Organization. Behavioral Health Region III - The County has entered into an agreement with surrounding counties and the Nebraska Health and Human Services System to provide services to carry out the provisions of the Nebraska Behavioral Health Services Act (Act). Agreements were established under the authority of the Interlocal Cooperation Act for services to be provided under the Act. The Region consists of the following counties: Blaine, Loup, Garfield, Wheeler, Custer, Valley, Greeley, Sherman, Howard, Buffalo, Hall, Phelps, Kearney, Adams, Clay, Furnas, Harlan, Hamilton, Merrick, Franklin, Webster, and Nuckolls.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(Continued)

1. <u>Summary of Significant Accounting Policies</u> (Continued)

The governing board for the Region includes representatives from the participating county boards. Each county contributes to the financial support of the Region activities based on formulas developed by the Region governing board and as required by the Act. Funding is provided by a combination of federal, state, local, and private funding. The County contributed \$10,128 toward the operation of the Region during fiscal year 2006. In the event of the termination of the agreement, assets would be disposed of in accordance with the terms of the agreement. The Nebraska Health and Human Services System requires the Region to be audited annually in accordance with State Statute. Financial information for the Region is available in those audit reports.

B. Basis of Presentation

Government-wide Financial Statements The Statement of Net Assets - Cash Basis and Statement of Activities - Cash Basis display information about the activities of the County, and are in the format of government-wide statements as required by GASB Statement Number 34. These statements include all the financial activities of the County, except for fiduciary activities and the Hospital. Internal activities in these statements have not been eliminated. Governmental GAAP would require internal activity to be eliminated to minimize double counting. The County reports governmental activities only. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other nonexchange transactions. The County is reported separately from certain legally separate component units for which the primary government is financially accountable.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct disbursement of a given function or segment is offset by program receipts. Direct disbursements are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program receipts include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment, and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Taxes and other items not properly included among program receipts are reported instead as general receipts.

Fund Financial Statements. The fund financial statements provide information about the County's funds, including its fiduciary funds. GAAP requires separate statements by fund category - governmental, proprietary, and fiduciary. The County uses only the governmental and fiduciary fund categories. The emphasis of fund financial statements is on major governmental funds. All remaining governmental funds are aggregated and reported as nonmajor funds.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(Continued)

1. <u>Summary of Significant Accounting Policies</u> (Continued)

The County reports the following major governmental funds:

General Fund. This is the County's primary operating fund. It accounts for financial resources of the general government, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Road Fund. This fund is used to account for costs associated with the repair and maintenance of roads and bridges.

Inheritance Fund. This fund is used to account for the revenues generated from estate taxes.

Bridge Escrow Fund. This fund is used to reserve funding for future bridge projects.

The County reports the following additional fund types:

Special Revenue Funds. These funds account for the proceeds from a specific revenue source that is restricted to expenditures for a specified purpose.

Agency Funds. These funds account for assets held by the County as an agent for various local governments.

C. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus and basis of accounting. The accounting records of the County are maintained and the government-wide financial statements were reported on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements. As such, the measurement focus includes only those assets and fund balances arising from cash transactions on the Statement of Net Assets - Cash Basis and the Statement of Activities - Cash Basis. Revenues are recognized when received and expenditures are recognized when warrants are paid. This differs from governmental GAAP, which requires the government-wide and fiduciary fund financial statements to be reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Under this measurement focus and basis of accounting revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(Continued)

1. <u>Summary of Significant Accounting Policies</u> (Continued)

The governmental fund financial statements were also reported on the cash receipt and disbursement basis of accounting. As such, the same measurement focus and basis of accounting were used as described above. This differs from governmental GAAP, which require governmental fund financial statements to be reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this measurement focus and basis of accounting, revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments are recorded only when payment is due.

D. Assets and Net Assets

Cash and cash equivalents. The County's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand and demand deposits.

Investments. The types of investments in which the County is authorized to invest funds are enumerated in Neb. Rev. Stat. Sections 77-2315, 77-2340, and 77-2341 R.R.S. 2003, and generally include U.S. Government obligations, certificates of deposit, and time deposits and securities which are authorized by the Nebraska Investment Council.

Capital Assets. Under the cash receipts and disbursements basis of accounting, capital assets are not capitalized in the funds used to acquire or construct them. Instead, capital acquisitions are reflected as disbursements in governmental funds. GAAP requires capital assets, which would include property, plant, equipment, and infrastructure assets (e.g., roads, bridges, sidewalks, and similar items) to be reported in the applicable governmental activities columns in the government-wide financial statements.

Depreciation expenses on capital assets were not recorded on the cash basis financial statements. Under GAAP, depreciation expenses would be recorded in the Statement of Activities. The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that does not add to the value of the asset or extend asset life is not capitalized.

Compensated Absences. Vested or accumulated vacation leave that is liquidated with expendable available financial resources is reported as an expenditure of the County funds as paid. Upon termination, employees are paid for any unused vacation. Under the receipts and disbursements basis of accounting, the liabilities for compensated absences are not reported since they do not represent liabilities arising from cash transactions. Under GAAP, the compensated absences liability would be reported in the government-

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(Continued)

1. <u>Summary of Significant Accounting Policies</u> (Concluded)

wide financial statements and would be recorded in accordance with the County's policy, which is to recognize the expense and accrued liability when vacation and compensatory leave is earned.

Restricted Net Assets. When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the County's policy to use restricted resources first, then the unrestricted resources, as they are needed. Net assets are reported as restricted when constraints placed on their use are either externally imposed or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

2. Deposits and Investments

The County has generally pooled the cash resources of the various funds for investment purposes. Interest earned on pooled funds is credited to the County General Fund in accordance with Neb. Rev. Stat. Section 77-2315 R.R.S. 2003.

At year end, the County's carrying amount of deposits was \$1,318,688 for County funds and \$217,195 for Fiduciary funds. The bank balances for all funds totaled \$1,498,562. For purposes of classifying categories of custodial risk, the bank balances of the County's deposits as of June 30, 2006, were either entirely insured or collateralized with securities held by the County's agent in the County's name.

The County's carrying value of investments are stated at cost, which approximates market. Investments consisted of \$35,000 in U.S. Government Securities. The U.S. Government Securities were held by the County or its agent in the name of the County.

3. **Property Taxes**

Property taxes are levied by the County Board on or before October 15 of each year for all political subdivisions in the County. Real estate and personal property taxes are due and attach as an enforceable lien on January 1 following the levy date, and become delinquent in two equal installments on May 1 and September 1. Motor vehicle taxes are due when application is made for registration of a motor vehicle.

Counties are permitted by the State Constitution to levy a tax of up to \$.50/\$100 of assessed valuation for general governmental services other than the payment of principal and interest on bonded debt. They may levy taxes in addition to the 50 cent limitation upon a vote of the people.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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3. **Property Taxes** (Concluded)

The levy set in October 2005, for the 2005 taxes which will be materially collected in May and September, 2006, was set at \$.424920/\$100 of assessed valuation. The levy set in October 2004, for the 2004 taxes which were materially collected in May and September, 2005, was set at \$.473551/\$100 of assessed valuation. The amount collected for motor vehicle tax is outlined in State Statute.

Additionally, there is currently a statutory lid limitation which limits taxation to the prior year's level, with provisions for growth. It may be increased by 1% by a three-fourths majority of the County Board.

4. Retirement System

The Retirement System for Nebraska Counties (the Plan) is a multiple-employer defined contribution plan administered by the Public Employees Retirement Board in accordance with the provisions of the County Employees Retirement Act. The Plan provisions are established under Neb. Rev. Stat. Sections 23-2301 through 23-2335 and may be amended through legislative action.

Participation in the Plan is required of all full time employees upon the completion of 12 months of continuous service and of all full time elected officials upon taking office. Full time or part time (working less than one-half of the regularly scheduled hours) employees may elect voluntary participation upon reaching age 25 and completing a total of 12 months service within a five-year period. Part time elected officials may exercise the option to join.

County employees and elected officials contribute 4.5% of their total compensation. In addition, the County contributes an amount equal to 150% of the employee's contribution. The contribution rates are established by Neb. Rev. Stat. Sections 23-2307 and 23-2308 R.S.Supp., 2004, and may be amended through legislative action. The employee's and employer's contributions are kept in separate accounts. The employee's account is fully vested. The employer's account is fully vested after three years of participation in the system, including the twelve month eligibility period or credit for participation in another governmental plan prior to actual contribution to the Plan. Prior service benefits are paid directly by the County to the retired employee.

A supplemental retirement plan was established on January 1, 2003 for the benefit of all present and future commissioned law enforcement personnel employed by the County. Employees contribute 1% of their salary and the County contributes an amount equal to 100% of the employee's contribution. In a defined contribution plan, benefits depend solely on amounts contributed to the Plan plus investment earnings.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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4. <u>Retirement System</u> (Concluded)

For the year ended June 30, 2006, 44 employees contributed \$40,604; the County contributed \$60,906. Additionally, for the year ended June 30, 2006, three law enforcement employees and the County contributed \$860 in cash contributions for the supplemental law enforcement plan. Lastly, the County paid \$1,020 directly to five retired employees for prior service benefits.

5. Risk Management

The County is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The County is a member of the Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association (NIRMA), a public entity risk pool currently operating as a common risk management and insurance program for 70 counties throughout Nebraska.

The County pays an annual deposit premium as calculated by the administrator of the pool. The premium is based on the losses and exposures of each County and the entire Pool. If the Pool becomes insolvent or is otherwise unable to discharge its legal liabilities and other obligations, the County may be assessed by the Board for an additional contribution equal to its contribution for the current fiscal year, divided by the contribution of all participants for such year, times the amount of such deficiency. Each such assessment, and the manner of calculating the same, shall be sent to each county in writing, and each county shall thereafter have sixty (60) days in which to pay the amount of such assessment. Each county shall remain liable for such assessments, regardless of such county's withdrawal from participation or the termination of the agreement, and for liabilities of the Pool incurred during such county's period of membership.

The agreement with NIRMA provides that NIRMA will provide coverage for up to a maximum amount per occurrence and purchase commercial insurance for claims in excess of coverage provided. In the event of a liability exceeding the commercial insurance, the County would be responsible for funding the excess amount.

	NIRMA Coverage	-	Maximum Coverage		
General Liability Claim	\$ 300,000	\$	5,000,000		
Worker's Compensation Claim	\$ 300,000	Statutory Limits			
Property Damage Claim	\$ 25,000		red Value at acement Cost		

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(Continued)

5. Risk Management (Concluded)

The County has not paid any additional assessments to the Pool in the last three fiscal years and no assessments are anticipated for fiscal year 2007. The County has not had to pay out any amounts that exceeded coverage provided by the Pool in the last three fiscal years.

6. <u>Interfund Transfers</u>

Interfund transfers for the year ended June 30, 2006, consisted of the following:

	(General	Inl	neritance	Road			
Transfers to		Fund		Fund	Fund	Total		
Road	\$	535,000	\$	25,000	\$ -	\$	560,000	
Bridge Escrow		-		-	15,000		15,000	
Nonmajor Funds		60,000			 		60,000	
Total	\$	595,000	\$	25,000	\$ 15,000	\$	635,000	

Transfers are used to move unrestricted revenues collected in the General Fund and Inheritance Fund to finance various programs accounted for in other funds in accordance with budgetary authorizations.

7. <u>Capital Leases Payable</u>

Changes to the commitments under lease agreement for equipment and amounts to provide for annual rental payments are as follows:

		005 Ford vn Victoria	aterpillar otorgrader	Total		
Balance July 1, 2005	\$ 9,000		\$ 76,000	\$	85,000	
Payments		9,000	 76,000		85,000	
Balance June 30, 2006	\$		\$ -	\$		
Carrying Value of the related Fixed Asset	\$	20,540	\$ 170,930	\$	191,470	

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL GENERAL FUND

For the Year Ended June 30, 2006

For the	e Year	r Ended June 3	30, 20	006					
RECEIPTS	Original Budget			Final Budget		Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)		
	Φ	1 442 059	¢	1 442 059	Φ	1 475 626	Φ	22 560	
Taxes	\$	1,443,058	\$	1,443,058	\$	1,475,626	\$	32,568	
Licenses and Permits		13,475		13,475		14,774		1,299	
Interest		39,000		39,000		39,379		379	
Intergovernmental		46,700		288,863		199,247		(89,616)	
Charges for Services		191,125		191,125		203,631		12,506	
Miscellaneous		7,500		7,500		12,972		5,472	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		1,740,858		1,983,021		1,945,629		(37,392)	
DISBURSEMENTS									
General Government:									
County Board		61,900		61,900		59,073		2,827	
County Clerk		77,340		77,340		76,035		1,305	
County Treasurer		67,663		67,663		63,627		4,036	
County Assessor		82,440		82,440		75,946		6,494	
Election Commissioner		25,254		27,754		27,461		293	
Data Processing Department		21,025		23,525		22,989		536	
Clerk of the District Court		24,823		24,823		14,874		9,949	
County Court System		10,750		10,750		6,805		3,945	
Building and Grounds		59,955		59,955		49,950		10,005	
Agricultural Extension Agent		34,176		34,176		33,862		314	
Miscellaneous		433,782		428,782		413,017		15,765	
Public Safety		133,762		120,702		113,017		13,703	
County Sheriff		125,699		125,699		122,456		3,243	
County Attorney		59,894		59,894		58,491		1,403	
County Jail		127,554		127,554		116,451		11,103	
Miscellaneous		17,550		259,713		163,644		96,069	
Public Health		17,550		257,713		103,044		70,007	
Miscellaneous		16,693		16,693		15,955		738	
Public Assistance		10,073		10,073		13,733		730	
Veterans' Service Officer		11,280		11,280		10,373		907	
Miscellaneous		47,696		47,696		36,694		11,002	
Culture and Recreation		47,070		47,070		30,074		11,002	
Miscellaneous		1,000		1,000		1,000		_	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		1,306,474		1,548,637		1,368,703		179,934	
		1,500,171		1,5 10,037		1,500,705		177,731	
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS		434,384		434,384		576,926		142,542	
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OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)						.=			
Transfers out		(595,000)		(595,000)		(595,000)			
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)		(595,000)		(595,000)		(595,000)			
Net Change in Fund Balance		(160,616)		(160,616)		(18,074)		142,542	
FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING		368,682		368,682		368,682		-	
FUND BALANCES - ENDING	\$	208,066	\$	208,066	\$	350,608	\$	142,542	
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FRANKLIN COUNTY BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL MAJOR FUNDS

For the Year Ended June 30, 2006

		Original Budget		Final Budget		Actual		iance with al Budget Positive Jegative)
ROAD FUND	_							
RECEIPTS Licenses and Permits	\$	43,000	\$	43,000	\$	45,383	\$	2,383
Intergovernmental	Ψ	477,500	Ψ	477,500	Ψ	460,597	Ψ	(16,903)
Charges for Services		125,000		125,000		105,549		(19,451)
Miscellaneous		11,768		11,768		5,008		(6,760)
TOTAL RECEIPTS		657,268		657,268		616,537		(40,731)
		.,		321,233				(10,700)
DISBURSEMENTS		1,228,335		1,228,335		1,160,267		68,068
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS		(571,067)		(571,067)		(543,730)		27,337
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)		5 60,000		5.60,000		5 60 000		
Transfers in		560,000		560,000		560,000		-
Transfers out TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)		(15,000) 545,000		(15,000) 545,000		(15,000) 545,000		
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)		343,000		343,000		343,000		
Net Change in Fund Balance		(26,067)		(26,067)		1,270		27,337
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING		196,067		196,067		196,067		-
FUND BALANCE - ENDING	\$	170,000	\$	170,000	\$	197,337	\$	27,337
						-221,000		
INHERITANCE FUND	_							
RECEIPTS	Φ.	75.000	Φ.	77.000	Φ.	50 001	Φ	(1.010)
Taxes	\$	75,000	\$	75,000	\$	73,081	\$	(1,919)
Interest TOTAL RECEIPTS		75,000		75,000		73,180		(1.820)
TOTAL RECEIPTS		73,000		73,000		/3,180		(1,820)
DISBURSEMENTS		219,001		219,001		4,048		214,953
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF RECEIPTS								
OVER DISBURSEMENTS		(144,001)		(144,001)		69,132		213,133
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OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)								
Transfers in		-		-		-		-
Transfers out		(25,000)		(25,000)		(25,000)		-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)		(25,000)		(25,000)		(25,000)		-
Net Change in Fund Balance		(169,001)		(169,001)		44,132		213,133
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING		409,001)		409,001)		409,001		415,155
FUND BALANCE - ENDING FUND BALANCE - ENDING	\$	240,000	\$	240,000	\$	453,133	\$	213,133
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FRANKLIN COUNTY BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL MAJOR FUNDS

For the Year Ended June 30, 2006

		riginal Sudget	Final Budget	Actual	Fin:	ance with al Budget ositive egative)
BRIDGE ESCROW FUND	_					
RECEIPTS						
Interest	\$	-	\$ -	\$ 2,136	\$	2,136
TOTAL RECEIPTS		_	_	 2,136		2,136
DISBURSEMENTS		156,168	 156,168	 		156,168
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS		(156,168)	(156,168)	2,136		158,304
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)						
Transfers in		15,000	15,000	15,000		-
Transfers out				 -		
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)		15,000	15,000	15,000		-
Net Change in Fund Balance FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING FUND BALANCE - ENDING	\$	(141,168) 141,168	\$ (141,168) 141,168	\$ 17,136 141,168 158,304	-\$	158,304

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NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

For the Year Ended June 30, 2003

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULES

GAAP Requirements

Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) requires budgetary comparison schedules for the General Fund, and for each major special revenue fund that has a legally adopted annual budget. GAAP further requires the budgetary comparison schedules to include the *original budget* and *final budget* amounts. The *original budget* is the first complete appropriated budget adjusted by reserves, transfers, allocations, supplemental appropriations, and other legally authorized legislative and executive changes *before* the beginning of the fiscal year. The original budget would also include actual appropriation amounts automatically carried over from prior years when required by law. The *final budget* is the original budget adjusted by all reserves, transfers, allocations, supplemental appropriations, and other legally authorized legislative and executive changes applicable to the fiscal year as approved by the County Board or otherwise legally authorized.

Budgetary Process

The County adopts an annual budget in accordance with the statutory requirements of the Nebraska Budget Act. The budget is prepared on the cash receipts and disbursements basis of accounting. The budget contains only those revenues which have actually been received by the County Treasurer. The County does not utilize an encumbrance accounting system. All appropriated spending authority lapses at the end of the fiscal year.

On or before August 1, the county budget-making authority prepares and transmits a budget for each County fund to the County Board. The budget includes the requirements, the outstanding warrants, the operating reserves to be maintained, the cash on hand at the close of the preceding fiscal year, the revenue from sources other than taxation, and the amount to be raised by taxation. The County Board must hold at least one public hearing on the proposed budget. On or before September 20, the County Board shall adopt the budget and appropriate the amounts specified in the budget for the departments, offices, activities, and funds of the County.

The County Board is authorized to transfer budgeted amounts between departments within any fund through resolution; however, if revisions are made that alter the total expenditures of any fund, an additional public hearing be held. The legal level of budgetary control for the General Fund is at the function level, and the special revenue fund types are at the fund level. The County Board is also authorized to budget for the transfer of money between County funds.

COMBINING STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN CASH BASIS FUND BALANCES NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

For the Year Ended June 30, 2006

	Historical Bridge Fun		Veterans' Aid Fund	Re	appraisal Fund	Dru	ıg Fund	Law Enforcem Grant Fu		Child Abuse and Neglect Fund	Weed Fund	al Nonmajor vernmental Funds
RECEIPTS												
Property Taxes	\$	-	\$ -	\$	27,808	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 27,808
Interest		-	2,861		-		-		-	-	-	2,861
Intergovernmental		-	1		742		-		-	-	-	743
Charges for Services		-	-		=		-		-	-	20,272	20,272
Miscellaneous			=_		-		200		-		829	1,029
TOTAL RECEIPTS		-	2,862		28,550		200		-	-	21,101	52,713
DISBURSEMENTS General Government		_	-		21,297		-		-	-	-	21,297
Public Safety		-	-		-		206		-	-	-	206
Public Works			-		-				-		70,072	 70,072
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS			-		21,297		206		-	-	70,072	 91,575
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS			2,862		7,253		(6)		-		(48,971)	 (38,862)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) Transfers in		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>		-				-		60,000	60,000
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)		-			-				-		60,000	 60,000
Net Change in Fund Balances		_	2,862		7,253		(6)		_		11,029	21,138
FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING	34,60	-	82,584		10,070		428		1	250	10,235	138,168
FUID DALAIICES - DEGIMINING	34,00		02,304		10,070		720		1		10,233	 130,100
FUND BALANCES - ENDING	\$ 34,60	00	\$ 85,446	\$	17,323	\$	422	\$	1	\$ 250	\$ 21,264	\$ 159,306

$\begin{array}{c} \textbf{BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL} \\ \textbf{NONMAJOR FUNDS} \end{array}$

For the Year Ended June 30, 2006

HICTORICAL PRINCE FUND		Original Budget		Final Budget		Actual	Fin I	iance with al Budget Positive (egative)
HISTORICAL BRIDGE FUND RECEIPTS	_							
Taxes	\$	_	\$	_	\$	_	\$	_
TOTAL RECEIPTS		-		-		-		-
DISBURSEMENTS		34,600		34,600		-		34,600
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) Transfers in		-		-		-		-
Transfers out TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)		<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>		-		
Net Change in Fund Balance FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING		(34,600) 34,600		(34,600) 34,600		34,600		34,600
FUND BALANCE - ENDING	\$	-	\$	-	\$	34,600	\$	34,600
VETERANS' AID FUND RECEIPTS Interest	- \$	2.000	\$	2,000	\$	2,861	\$	861
Intergovernmental	Ψ	2,000	Ψ	2,000	Ψ	2,001	Ψ	1
TOTAL RECEIPTS		2,000		2,000		2,862		862
DISBURSEMENTS		54,584		54,584		-		54,584
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) Transfers in Transfers out TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	_	- - -		- - -		- - -		- - -
Net Change in Fund Balance		(52,584)		(52,584)		2,862		55,446
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING		82,584		82,584		82,584		-
FUND BALANCE - ENDING	\$	30,000	\$	30,000	\$	85,446	\$	55,446
REAPPRAISAL FUND	_							
RECEIPTS Taxes Intergovernmental	\$	34,530	\$	34,530	\$	27,808 742	\$	(6,722) 742
TOTAL RECEIPTS		34,530		34,530		28,550		(5,980)
DISBURSEMENTS		38,600		38,600		21,297		17,303
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) Transfers in Transfers out TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)		- - -		- - -		- - -		- - -
Net Change in Fund Balance		(4,070)		(4,070)	_	7,253		11,323
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING FUND BALANCE - ENDING	\$	10,070 6,000	\$	10,070 6,000	\$	10,070 17,323	\$	11,323
TOTAL BILLIANCE EMPIRE	Ψ	5,000	Ψ	0,000	Ψ	11,525	Ψ	11,223

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$\begin{array}{c} \textbf{BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL} \\ \textbf{NONMAJOR FUNDS} \end{array}$

For the Year Ended June 30, 2006

RECEIPTS			iginal ıdget		Final Budget		Actual	Fin:	ance with al Budget ositive egative)
Miscellarcous	DRUG FUND	_							
TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$	_	\$	_	\$	200	\$	200
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)		Ψ		Ψ		Ψ		Ψ	
Transfers in Transfers out Transfers out TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) -	DISBURSEMENTS		428		428		206		222
Transfers out									
Net Change in Fund Balance			-		-		-		-
FUND BÂLANCE - BEĞİİNNİĞĞ 428			-		<u>-</u>		-		<u>-</u>
FUND BÂLANCE - BEĞİİNNİĞĞ 428	Net Change in Fund Balance		(428)		(428)		(6)		422
Name							428		-
RECEIPTS	FUND BALANCE - ENDING	\$	-	\$	-	\$	422	\$	422
Miscellaneous		_							
TOTAL RECEIPTS		•	1.000	\$	1 000	\$		\$	(1,000)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) Transfers in - - - - Transfers out - - - - TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) - - - - - Net Change in Fund Balance (1) (1) (1) - 1 1 1 -		Φ		φ		φ	-	φ	
Transfers in - <t< td=""><td>DISBURSEMENTS</td><td></td><td>1,001</td><td></td><td>1,001</td><td></td><td>-</td><td></td><td>1,001</td></t<>	DISBURSEMENTS		1,001		1,001		-		1,001
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) -	Transfers in		-		-		-		-
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING 1 1 1 - CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT FUND RECEIPTS Taxes \$ - \$ - \$ - \$ - \$ - \$ - \$ - TOTAL RECEIPTS \$ - \$ - \$ - \$ - \$ - \$ DISBURSEMENTS 250 250 - 250 OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			<u>-</u>				-		
FUND BALANCE - ENDING \$ - \$ - \$ 1 \$ 1 \$ 1 CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT FUND RECEIPTS Taxes \$ - \$ - \$ - \$ - \$ - \$ - \$ - \$ - \$ - \$ -	Net Change in Fund Balance		(1)		(1)		-		1
CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT FUND RECEIPTS Taxes \$ - \$ - \$ - \$ - \$ - \$ - \$ TOTAL RECEIPTS		<u> </u>	1	Φ.	1	¢	1		1
RECEIPTS	FUND BALANCE - ENDING	<u>\$</u>		\$		2	1	\$	1
Taxes \$ - \$ - \$ - \$ - \$ - C - <td></td> <td>_</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td>		_							
TOTAL RECEIPTS - - - - - - - - - - - 250 DISBURSEMENTS 250 250 - 250 - 250 OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) -<		\$	_	\$	_	\$	_	\$	_
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) Transfers in - - - - - Transfers out - - - - - - TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) -			-	_			-		
Transfers in - <t< td=""><td>DISBURSEMENTS</td><td></td><td>250</td><td></td><td>250</td><td></td><td>-</td><td></td><td>250</td></t<>	DISBURSEMENTS		250		250		-		250
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) - - - - Net Change in Fund Balance (250) (250) - 250 FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING 250 250 250 -	Transfers in		-		-		-		-
Net Change in Fund Balance (250) - 250 FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING 250 250 250 -			<u> </u>						
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING 250 250 -			(250)		(250)		-		250
FUND BALANCE - ENDING \$ - \$ 250 \$ 250	FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING								
	FUND BALANCE - ENDING	\$	-	\$		\$	250	\$	250

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$\begin{array}{c} \textbf{BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL} \\ \textbf{NONMAJOR FUNDS} \end{array}$

For the Year Ended June 30, 2006

		Original Budget	Final Budget		Actual	Fina P	ance with al Budget ositive egative)
WEED FUND					_		
RECEIPTS	_						
Charges for Services	\$	20,230	\$ 20,230	\$	20,272	\$	42
Miscellaneous		-	-		829		829
TOTAL RECEIPTS		20,230	20,230		21,101		871
DISBURSEMENTS		70,465	 70,465		70,072		393
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)							
Transfers in		60,000	60,000		60,000		-
Transfers out		-					
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)		60,000	60,000		60,000		
Net Change in Fund Balance		9,765	9,765		11,029		1,264
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING		10,235	10,235		10,235		
FUND BALANCE - ENDING	\$	20,000	\$ 20,000	\$	21,264	\$	1,264

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FRANKLIN COUNTY SCHEDULE OF OFFICE ACTIVITIES

For the Year Ended June 30, 2006

	County (Clerk	rk of the rict Court	County Sheriff		ounty torney	Supe	Weed erintendent	lighway erintendent	eterans' ce Officer	Total
BALANCE JULY 1, 2005	\$	5,114	\$ 8,297	\$	15,117	\$ 392	\$	195	\$ 27,183	\$ 14,874	\$ 71,172
RECEIPTS											
Licenses and Permits		373	-		380	_		_	-	-	753
Charges for Services	23	3,955	2,251		65,052	-		27,324	102,448	-	221,030
Miscellaneous		-	-		1,517	172		829	5,103	149	7,770
State Fees	29	9,740	2,814		-	-		-	-	-	32,554
Other Liabilities			 100,463		33,370	 -		-		 -	133,833
TOTAL RECEIPTS	54	4,068	105,528		100,319	172		28,153	107,551	149	395,940
DISBURSEMENTS											
Payments to County Treasurer	24	4,511	2,252		74,473	212		21,101	110,652	_	233,201
Payments to State Treasurer		9,474	2,914		, -	_		, -	-	_	32,388
Other Liabilities		-	38,660		32,468	-		-	-	-	71,128
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	53	3,985	43,826		106,941	212		21,101	110,652	 =	336,717
BALANCE JUNE 30, 2006	\$ 5	5,197	\$ 69,999	\$	8,495	\$ 352	\$	7,247	\$ 24,082	\$ 15,023	\$ 130,395
BALANCE CONSISTS OF:											
Due to County Treasurer	\$	1,730	\$ 119	\$	7,484	\$ 50	\$	7,247	\$ 24,082	\$ -	\$ 40,712
Petty Cash		1,500	-		-	302		-	-	-	1,802
Due to State Treasurer		1,967	217		-	-		=	-	-	2,184
Due to Others			 69,663		1,011	 -		_		 15,023	85,697
BALANCE JUNE 30, 2006	\$ 5	5,197	\$ 69,999	\$	8,495	\$ 352	\$	7,247	\$ 24,082	\$ 15,023	\$ 130,395

SCHEDULE OF TAXES CERTIFIED AND COLLECTED FOR ALL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS IN THE COUNTY

June 30, 2006

Item	2001	2002	2003		2004	2005
Tax Certified by Assessor	 _	_			_	
Real Estate	\$ 4,675,435	\$ 4,859,932	\$	5,361,471	\$ 5,583,172	\$ 5,971,961
Personal and Specials	421,460	435,429		474,537	504,231	474,187
Total	5,096,895	5,295,361		5,836,008	6,087,403	6,446,148
Corrections						
Additions	2,288	2,225		8,185	492	4,049
Deductions	(1,886)	(4,794)		(3,346)	(1,511)	(1,914)
Net Additions/						
(Deductions)	402	(2,569)		4,839	(1,019)	2,135
Corrected Certified Tax	5,097,297	5,292,792		5,840,847	6,086,384	6,448,283
Net Tax Collected by County Treasurer during Fiscal Year Ending:						
June 30, 2002	3,000,500	-		-	=	-
June 30, 2003	2,079,385	3,148,331		-	-	-
June 30, 2004	5,980	2,127,807		3,434,299	_	-
June 30, 2005	3,217	6,654		2,390,457	3,518,462	-
June 30, 2006	4,743	5,550		8,843	2,553,777	3,766,392
Total Net Collections	5,093,825	5,288,342		5,833,599	6,072,239	3,766,392
Total Uncollected Tax	\$ 3,472	\$ 4,450	\$	7,248	\$ 14,145	\$ 2,681,891
Percentage Uncollected Tax	 0.07%	 0.08%		0.12%	0.23%	 41.59%

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FRANKLIN COUNTY

REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Board of Supervisors Franklin County, Nebraska

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Franklin County as of and for the year ended June 30, 2006, and have issued our report thereon dated March 26, 2007. The report notes the financial statements were prepared on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements and do not include the financial data of the Franklin County Hospital, a component unit of Franklin County. Except as noted above, we conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Franklin County's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting. However, we noted a certain matter involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be a reportable condition. Reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control over financial reporting that, in our judgment, could adversely affect Franklin County's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements. The following reportable condition was noted:

• The County offices had a lack of segregation of duties since one person could handle all aspects of processing a transaction from beginning to end. Good internal control includes a plan of organization, procedures, and records designed to safeguard assets and provide reliable financial records. Due to a limited number of personnel, an adequate segregation of duties may not be possible without additional cost.



A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements caused by error or fraud in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses. However, the reportable condition described above is considered to be a material weakness.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Franklin County's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

We also noted a certain additional item that we reported to management of Franklin County in a separate letter dated March 26, 2007.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the County, the appropriate Federal and regulatory agencies, and citizens of the State of Nebraska, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

March 26, 2007

Assistant Deputy Auditor

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