### AUDIT REPORT OF OTOE COUNTY

### JULY 1, 2009 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2010

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# LIST OF COUNTY OFFICIALS At June 30, 2010

| Name<br>Carol Crook<br>Richard Freshman           | TitleBoard of Commissioners    | Term<br>Expires<br>Jan. 2011<br>Jan. 2011 |
|---|--------------------------------|---|
| Nickola Kreifels<br>Steven Lade<br>Timothy Nelsen |                                | Jan. 2011<br>Jan. 2013<br>Jan. 2011       |
| Therese Gruber                                    | Assessor                       | Jan. 2011                                 |
| David Partsch                                     | Attorney                       | Jan. 2011                                 |
| Janene Bennett                                    | Clerk<br>Election Commissioner | Jan. 2011                                 |
| Janet Reed  | Register of Deeds              |   |
| Janis Riege                                       | Clerk of the District Court    | Jan. 2011                                 |
| James Gress                                       | Sheriff                        | Jan. 2011                                 |
| Jackie Smith                                      | Treasurer                      | Jan. 2011                                 |
| Marvin Pesek                                      | Veterans' Service Officer      | Appointed                                 |



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# OTOE COUNTY

# **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**

Board of Commissioners Otoe County, Nebraska

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Otoe County, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2010, 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.

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 Otoe County, as of June 30, 2010, 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 January 25, 2011, on our consideration of Otoe 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.

Signed Original on File

January 25, 2011

Deann Haeffner, CPA Assistant Deputy Auditor

### OTOE COUNTY STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS - CASH BASIS June 30, 2010

|   | Governmental<br>Activities |                             |  |
|---|----------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| ASSETS  |                            |                             |  |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents (Note 1.D)  | \$                         | 3,284,098                   |  |
| Investments (Note 1.D)  |                            | 5,133                       |  |
| TOTAL ASSETS  | \$                         | 3,289,231                   |  |
| NET ASSETS<br>Restricted for:<br>911 Surcharge<br>Homeland Security Grant<br>Other Purposes | \$                         | 201,398<br>48,851<br>35,604 |  |
| Unrestricted  |                            | 3,003,378                   |  |
| TOTAL NET ASSETS  | \$                         | 3,289,231                   |  |

### OTOE COUNTY STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES - CASH BASIS For the Year Ended June 30, 2010

|    |              | Program Cash Receipts   |  |  |   | Net (   | Disbursement)   |
|----|--------------|---|--|--|---|---|---|
|    |              | Fe  | Fees, Fines, Operatin  |  | perating  | R   | eceipts and   |
|    | Cash         | an  | d Charges  | G  | rants and   | (   | Changes in  |
| Di | sbursements  | fo  | or Services Contribu   |  | ntributions   | Net Assets  |   |
|    |              |   |  |  |   |   |   |
| \$ | (3,581,268)  | \$  | 499,747  | \$   | 98,438  | \$  | (2,983,083)   |
|    | (2,045,640)  |   | 70,019   |  | 507,357   |   | (1,468,264)   |
|    | (5,025,630)  |   | -  | 1  | ,344,279  |   | (3,681,351)   |
|    | (54,758)     |   | -  |  | -   |   | (54,758)  |
|    | (151,794)    |   | -  |  | -   |   | (151,794)   |
|    | (97,942)     |   | -  |  | -   |   | (97,942)  |
|    | (226,240)    |   | -  |  | -   |   | (226,240)   |
| \$ | (11,183,272) | \$  | 569,766  | \$ 1   | ,950,074  |   | (8,663,432)   |
|    |              | Disbursements<br>\$ (3,581,268)<br>(2,045,640)<br>(5,025,630)<br>(54,758)<br>(151,794)<br>(97,942)<br>(226,240) | Cash and   Disbursements for   \$ (3,581,268) \$   (2,045,640) \$   (5,025,630) (54,758)   (151,794) (97,942)   (226,240) \$ | Cash   Fees, Fines, and Charges     Disbursements   for Services     \$ (3,581,268)   \$ 499,747     (2,045,640)   70,019     (5,025,630)   -     (151,794)   -     (97,942)   -     (226,240)   - | Cash   Fees, Fines, and Charges   O     Disbursements   for Services   Cor     \$ (3,581,268)   \$ 499,747   \$     (2,045,640)   70,019   \$     (5,025,630)   -   1     (54,758)   -   \$     (151,794)   -   \$     (226,240)   -   \$ | Cash   Fees, Fines, and Charges   Operating     Disbursements   for Services   Grants and     \$ (3,581,268)   \$ 499,747   \$ 98,438     (2,045,640)   70,019   507,357     (5,025,630)   -   1,344,279     (54,758)   -   -     (151,794)   -   -     (226,240)   -   - | Cash   Fees, Fines, and Charges   Operating   R     Disbursements   for Services   Grants and   O     \$ (3,581,268)   \$ 499,747   \$ 98,438   \$     \$ (2,045,640)   70,019   507,357   1     \$ (5,025,630)   -   1,344,279   -     \$ (151,794)   -   -   -     \$ (97,942)   -   -   -     \$ (226,240)   -   -   - |

| General Receipts:                          |              |
|--|--------------|
| Property Taxes                             | 5,484,880    |
| Grants and Contributions Not Restricted to |              |
| Specific Programs                          | 663,618      |
| Investment Income                          | 66,313       |
| Licenses and Permits                       | 70,623       |
| Bond Proceeds                              | 2,503,313    |
| Miscellaneous                              | 62,492       |
| Total General Receipts                     | 8,851,239    |
|  |              |
| Change in Net Assets                       | 187,807      |
| Net Assets - Beginning                     | 3,101,424    |
| Net Assets - Ending                        | \$ 3,289,231 |

# OTOE COUNTY STATEMENT OF CASH BASIS ASSETS AND FUND BALANCES GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

June 30, 2010

|   | General Fund | Road Fund       | Inheritance<br>Fund | Other<br>Governmental<br>Funds | Total<br>Governmental<br>Funds |
|---|--------------|-----------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| ASSETS  |              |                 |                     |                                |                                |
| Cash and cash equivalents (Note 1.D)  | \$ 1,101,900 | \$ 244,145      | \$ 1,273,035        | \$ 665,018                     | \$ 3,284,098                   |
| Investments (Note 1.D)  | 5,133        |                 |                     |                                | 5,133                          |
| TOTAL ASSETS  | \$ 1,107,033 | \$ 244,145      | \$ 1,273,035        | \$ 665,018                     | \$ 3,289,231                   |
| <b>FUND BALANCES</b><br>Unreserved, reported in:<br>General fund<br>Special revenue funds | \$ 1,107,033 | \$ -<br>244,145 | \$ -<br>1,273,035   | \$ -<br>665,018                | \$ 1,107,033<br>2,182,198      |
| TOTAL CASH BASIS FUND BALANCES  | \$ 1,107,033 | \$ 244,145      | \$ 1,273,035        | \$ 665,018                     | \$ 3,289,231                   |
|   |              |                 |                     |                                |                                |

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

For the Year Ended June 30, 2010

|  | General Fund | Road Fund  | Inheritance<br>Fund | Other<br>Governmental<br>Funds | Total<br>Governmental<br>Funds |
|--|--------------|------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| RECEIPTS   |              |            |                     |                                |                                |
| Property Taxes   | \$ 4,833,368 | \$ 1,468   | \$ 499,466          | \$ 150,578                     | \$ 5,484,880                   |
| Licenses and Permits                                     | 69,373       | 1,250      | -                   | -                              | 70,623                         |
| Interest   | 58,019       | 8,242      | -                   | 52                             | 66,313                         |
| Intergovernmental  | 798,765      | 1,727,598  | 25,781              | 61,548                         | 2,613,692                      |
| Charges for Services                                     | 468,366      | -          | -                   | 101,400                        | 569,766                        |
| Miscellaneous  | 5,197        | 2,512,345  | 10                  | 48,253                         | 2,565,805                      |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS   | 6,233,088    | 4,250,903  | 525,257             | 361,831                        | 11,371,079                     |
| DISBURSEMENTS  |              |            |                     |                                |                                |
| General Government                                       | 2,736,076    | -          | 701,440             | 143,752                        | 3,581,268                      |
| Public Safety  | 1,826,803    | -          | -                   | 218,837                        | 2,045,640                      |
| Public Works   | 72,047       | 4,939,962  | -                   | 13,621                         | 5,025,630                      |
| Health and Sanitation                                    | 54,758       | -          | -                   | -                              | 54,758                         |
| Public Assistance  | 151,794      | -          | -                   | -                              | 151,794                        |
| Culture and Recreation                                   | 5,402        | -          | -                   | 92,540                         | 97,942                         |
| Debt Service:  |              |            |                     |                                |                                |
| Principal Payments                                       | -            | 145,000    | -                   | -                              | 145,000                        |
| Interest and Fiscal Charges                              | -            | 81,240     | -                   | -                              | 81,240                         |
| TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS                                      | 4,846,880    | 5,166,202  | 701,440             | 468,750                        | 11,183,272                     |
| EXCESS (DEFICIENCY)<br>OF RECEIPTS OVER<br>DISBURSEMENTS | 1,386,208    | (915,299)  | (176,183)           | (106,919)                      | 187,807                        |
| OTHER FINANCING<br>SOURCES (USES)                        |              |            |                     |                                |                                |
| Transfers in   | 81,758       | 953,771    | -                   | 5,275                          | 1,040,804                      |
| Transfers out  | (959,046)    | (81,758)   | -                   |                                | (1,040,804)                    |
| TOTAL OTHER<br>FINANCING                                 |              |            |                     |                                |                                |
| SOURCES (USES)   | (877,288)    | 872,013    |                     | 5,275                          |                                |
| Net Change in Fund Balances<br>CASH BASIS FUND           | 508,920      | (43,286)   | (176,183)           | (101,644)                      | 187,807                        |
| <b>BALANCES - BEGINNING</b>                              | 598,113      | 287,431    | 1,449,218           | 766,662                        | 3,101,424                      |
| CASH BASIS FUND<br>BALANCES - ENDING                     | \$ 1,107,033 | \$ 244,145 | \$1,273,035         | \$ 665,018                     | \$ 3,289,231                   |

# OTOE COUNTY STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY ASSETS AND LIABILITIES - CASH BASIS FIDUCIARY FUNDS

June 30, 2010

|                                    | Agency Funds |           |  |
|------------------------------------|--------------|-----------|--|
| ASSETS                             |              |           |  |
| Cash and cash equivalents          | \$           | 1,034,928 |  |
|                                    |              |           |  |
| LIABILITIES                        |              |           |  |
| Due to other governments           |              |           |  |
| State                              |              | 248,913   |  |
| Schools                            |              | 666,287   |  |
| Educational Service Units          |              | 6,194     |  |
| Technical College                  |              | 11,560    |  |
| Natural Resource Districts         |              | 7,624     |  |
| Fire Districts                     |              | 3,185     |  |
| Municipalities                     |              | 66,036    |  |
| Agricultural Society               |              | 794       |  |
| Sanitary and Improvement Districts |              | 1,420     |  |
| Hospital                           |              | 10,630    |  |
| Others                             |              | 12,285    |  |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES                  |              | 1,034,928 |  |
| TOTAL NET ASSETS                   | \$           |           |  |

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2010

### 1. <u>Summary of Significant Accounting Policies</u>

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

### A. Reporting Entity

Otoe 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, or (2) the potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to, or impose specific financial burdens on the County.

As required by generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), these financial statements present the County (the primary government). No component units were identified.

### Joint Organization.

<u>Behavioral Health Region V</u> - 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: Polk, Butler, Saunders, Seward, Lancaster, Otoe, Fillmore, Saline, Thayer, Jefferson, Gage, Johnson, Nemaha, Pawnee, York, and Richardson.

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 \$53,070 toward the operation of the Region during fiscal year 2010. 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.

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

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

<u>Health Department</u> – The County has entered into an agreement with Southeast District Health Department (Department) to provide public health services. Agreements were established under authority of the Interlocal Cooperation Act for services to be provided per Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 71-1626 to 71-1636.

The Department's governing board is established by statute and includes representatives from the participating county boards and the health profession. Funding is provided by a combination of Federal, State, local, and private funding. The County did not contribute toward the operation of the Department during fiscal year 2010. In the event of the termination of the agreement, assets would be disposed of in accordance with the terms of the agreement. The Department is required to be audited annually in accordance with Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-304. Financial information for the Department is available in that report.

#### **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. Internal activities in these statements was considered immaterial and 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 receipts, and other nonexchange transactions.

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 receipts generated from inheritance taxes.

The County reports the following additional fund types:

**Special Revenue Funds.** These funds account for the proceeds from a specific receipt source that is restricted to disbursements 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. Receipts are recognized when received and disbursements 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 receipts are recorded when earned and disbursements are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows.

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, receipts are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Receipts are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

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

current period. Disbursements generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, disbursements 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. §§ 77-2315, 77-2340, and 77-2341 (Reissue 2009), 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 disbursement 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-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. The government-wide statement of net assets reports \$285,853 of restricted net assets, which is restricted by enabling legislation.

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

#### 2. <u>Deposits and Investments</u>

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. § 77-2315 (Reissue 2009).

At year end, the County's carrying amount of deposits was \$3,284,098 for County funds and \$1,034,928 for Fiduciary funds. The bank balances for all funds totaled \$4,316,452. For purposes of classifying categories of custodial risk, the bank balances of the County's deposits as of June 30, 2010, 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 \$5,133 deposited in the Nebraska Public Agency Investment Trust (NPAIT). NPAIT is a public entity investment pool operated under the direction of a seven member Board of Trustees. All net income of the trust is determined as of the close of business on each banking day and is credited thereafter pro rata to each participant's account. Net income which has accrued to each participant is converted as of the close of business of each calendar month into additional units which thereafter are held in each participant's trust account. Since net income of the fund is allocated among participant's each time net income is determined, the net asset value remains at \$1.00 per unit. Securities held by NPAIT are not held in the County's name.

#### 3. <u>Property Taxes</u>

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.

The levy set in October 2009, for the 2009 taxes which will be materially collected in May and September, 2010, was set at \$.336995/\$100 of assessed valuation. The levy set in October 2008, for the 2008 taxes which were materially collected in May and September, 2009, was set at \$.352864/\$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.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

#### 4. <u>Retirement System</u>

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

Participation in the Plan is required of all full time employees. Part time (working less than one-half of the regularly scheduled hours) employees may elect voluntary participation upon reaching age 20. 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. §§ 23-2307 and 23-2308 (Reissue 2007), 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 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.

For the year ended June 30, 2010, 104 employees contributed \$146,438; the County contributed \$219,655. Additionally, for the year ended June 30, 2010, 16 law enforcement employees and the County contributed \$7,346 in cash contributions for the supplemental law enforcement plan. Lastly, the County paid \$1,960 directly to 16 retired employees for prior service benefits.

#### 5. <u>Risk Management</u>

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 has purchased commercial insurance to cover the risk of loss and believes adequate coverage exists for potential exposures. There was no significant reduction of insurance coverage from the prior year and the County did not incur any expenses which exceeded the coverage amount for the year ended June 30, 2010.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

### 6. <u>Interfund Transfers</u>

Interfund transfers for the year ended June 30, 2010, consisted of the following:

|                |                | Transfe | om   |        |    |           |
|----------------|----------------|---------|------|--------|----|-----------|
|                | (              | General |      |        |    |           |
| Transfers to   | Fund Road Fund |         |      |        |    | Total     |
| Road Fund      | \$             | 953,771 | \$ - |        | \$ | 953,771   |
| General Fund   |                | -       |      | 81,758 |    | 81,758    |
| Nonmajor Funds |                | 5,275   |      | -      |    | 5,275     |
| Total          | \$             | 959,046 | \$   | 81,758 | \$ | 1,040,804 |

Transfers are used to move unrestricted receipts collected in the General 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:

|                               | ]       | Kenworth |  |
|-------------------------------|---------|----------|--|
|                               | Tractor |          |  |
| Balance July 1, 2009          | \$      | -        |  |
| Payments                      |         | 1,200    |  |
| Purchases                     |         | 81,753   |  |
| Balance June 30, 2010         | \$      | 80,553   |  |
| Future Payments:              |         |          |  |
| Year                          |         |          |  |
| 2011                          |         | 17,177   |  |
| 2012                          |         | 17,176   |  |
| 2013                          |         | 17,177   |  |
| 2014                          |         | 17,176   |  |
| 2015                          |         | 17,177   |  |
| Total Payments                |         | 85,883   |  |
| Less Interest                 |         | 5,330    |  |
| Present Value of Future       |         |          |  |
| Minimum Lease Payments        | \$      | 80,553   |  |
| Carrying Value of the related |         |          |  |
| Fixed asset                   | \$      | 80,152   |  |

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

#### 8. Landfill Postclosure Care Costs

The County owns a solid waste disposal area which discontinued operations in 1993. The County must adhere to certain closure and postclosure care requirements under legislation, including monitoring the groundwater conditions and general site maintenance. The County maintains a Landfill Fund to account for these disbursements. The Landfill Fund balance at June 30, 2009, was \$276,660. The County anticipates the Landfill Fund to have sufficient funds to cover future expenses of the disposal site.

#### 9. <u>Contingent Liabilities</u>

The County is a defendant in various lawsuits. Although the outcome of these lawsuits is not presently determinable, in the opinion of the County Attorney the resolution of these matters will not have a material adverse effect on the financial condition of the County.

#### 10. Long Term Debt

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The County issued Highway bonds in July 2009 in the amount of \$2,535,000 for the purpose of paying the costs associated with road projects in the County. The bond payable balance as of June 30, 2010 was \$2,390,000. The County has the ability to levy taxes as necessary to cover the annual required principal and interest payments over the term of these bonds, although the County intends to use future highway allocation resources to pay off the bonds.

| Future Payments: |                 |          |         |                 |
|------------------|-----------------|----------|---------|-----------------|
| Year             | Principal       | Interest |         | Total           |
| 2011             | \$<br>140,000   | \$       | 85,157  | \$<br>225,157   |
| 2012             | 140,000         |          | 82,848  | 222,848         |
| 2013             | 145,000         |          | 80,048  | 225,048         |
| 2014             | 150,000         |          | 76,495  | 226,495         |
| 2015             | 155,000         |          | 69,817  | 224,817         |
| 2016-2020        | 850,000         |          | 280,298 | 1,130,298       |
| 2021-2024        | 810,000         |          | 90,939  | 900,939         |
| Total Payments   | \$<br>2,390,000 | \$       | 765,602 | \$<br>3,155,602 |

#### 10. <u>Rural Road Improvement District</u>

A Rural Road Improvement District was established in 2001 within a portion of the County to improve a specific road. A debt agreement was entered into with American National Bank in the principal amount of \$114,235 in September 2002. A special assessment was established by the County on the homeowners within the Rural Road Improvement District. The County makes annual payments in the amount of \$14,137 which includes interest at 3.9%. The balance at June 30, 2010, was \$18,143.

| F                                    | or the Year Ended      | June 30, 2010      |                        |   |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|---|
|                                      | Original<br>Budget     | Final<br>Budget    | Actual                 | Variance with<br>Final Budget<br>Positive<br>(Negative) |
| RECEIPTS                             | ¢ 4.022.207            | ¢ 4.022.207        | ¢ 1.000.000            | ¢ (00.020)  |
| Taxes<br>Licenses and Permits        | \$ 4,933,307<br>63,600 | \$ 4,933,307       | \$ 4,833,368<br>69,373 | \$ (99,939)<br>5 773                                    |
| Interest                             | 100,000                | 63,600<br>100,000  | 58,019                 | 5,773<br>(41,981)                                       |
| Intergovernmental                    | 450,080                | 450,080            | 798,765                | (41,981)<br>348,685                                     |
| Charges for Services                 | 443,600                | 443,600            | 468,366                | 24,766  |
| Miscellaneous                        | 601,500                | 443,000<br>601,500 | 408,300 5,197          | (596,303)   |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS                       | 6,592,087              | 6,592,087          | 6,233,088              | (358,999)   |
|                                      | 0,392,087              | 0,392,087          | 0,233,088              | (338,999)   |
| DISBURSEMENTS<br>General Government: |                        |                    |                        |   |
| County Board                         | 109,200                | 109,200            | 107,741                | 1,459   |
| County Clerk                         | 101,580                | 101,580            | 101,101                | 479   |
| County Treasurer                     | 173,570                | 173,570            | 170,080                | 3,490   |
| Register of Deeds                    | 107,071                | 107,071            | 105,520                | 1,551   |
| County Assessor                      | 212,810                | 212,810            | 209,137                | 3,673   |
| Election Commissioner                | 68,585                 | 68,585             | 56,250                 | 12,335  |
| Planning Commission                  | 46,097                 | 46,097             | 39,485                 | 6,612   |
| Child Support                        | 45,027                 | 45,027             | 43,622                 | 1,405   |
| Clerk of the District Court          | 86,786                 | 86,786             | 79,747                 | 7,039   |
| County Court System                  | 10,780                 | 10,780             | 8,732                  | 2,048   |
| Coroner                              | 25,000                 | 25,000             | 23,766                 | 1,234   |
| Public Defender                      | 117,441                | 117,441            | 116,212                | 1,229   |
| Building and Grounds                 | 165,771                | 165,771            | 156,349                | 9,422   |
| Agricultural Extension Agent         | 93,992                 | 93,992             | 91,911                 | 2,081   |
| Miscellaneous                        | 1,541,010              | 1,539,224          | 1,426,423              | 112,801   |
| Public Safety:                       |                        |                    |                        |   |
| County Sheriff                       | 959,483                | 959,483            | 887,704                | 71,779  |
| County Attorney                      | 178,024                | 178,024            | 174,595                | 3,429   |
| Nuclear Accident Emergency           | 22,700                 | 22,700             | 20,869                 | 1,831   |
| County Jail                          | 701,300                | 701,300            | 614,130                | 87,170  |
| <b>Emergency Management</b>          | 88,531                 | 88,531             | 67,636                 | 20,895  |
| Emergency Equipment                  | 600,000                | 600,000            | 20,197                 | 579,803   |
| Miscellaneous                        | 49,464                 | 49,464             | 41,672                 | 7,792   |
| Public Works:                        |                        |                    |                        |   |
| County Surveyor                      | 39,650                 | 39,650             | 36,047                 | 3,603   |
| Miscellaneous                        | 36,000                 | 36,000             | 36,000                 | -   |
|                                      |                        |                    |                        | (Continued)   |

| 101  | Original<br>Budget | Final<br>Budget | Actual       | Variance with<br>Final Budget<br>Positive<br>(Negative) |
|--|--------------------|-----------------|--------------|---|
| DISBURSEMENTS (Continued)  |                    |                 |              |   |
| Public Health:   |                    |                 |              |   |
| Miscellaneous  | 70,247             | 70,247          | 54,758       | 15,489  |
| Public Assistance:   |                    |                 |              |   |
| Veterans' Service Officer  | 68,518             | 68,518          | 60,213       | 8,305   |
| Veterans' Aid  | 13,000             | 13,000          | 6,827        | 6,173   |
| County Relief  | 40,000             | 40,000          | 18,385       | 21,615  |
| Miscellaneous  | 14,392             | 14,392          | 19,683       | (5,291)   |
| Welfare Assistance   | 44,900             | 46,686          | 46,686       | -   |
| Culture and Recreation:  |                    |                 |              |   |
| Museum   | 5,500              | 5,500           | 5,402        | 98  |
| TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS  | 5,836,429          | 5,836,429       | 4,846,880    | 989,549   |
| EXCESS (DEFICIENCY)<br>OF RECEIPTS OVER<br>DISBURSEMENTS           | 755,658            | 755,658         | 1,386,208    | 630,550   |
| OTHER FINANCING<br>SOURCES (USES)<br>Transfers in<br>Transfers out | -                  | -               | 81,758       | 81,758  |
| TOTAL OTHER FINANCING  | (953,771)          | (953,771)       | (959,046)    | (5,275)   |
| SOURCES (USES)   | (953,771)          | (953,771)       | (877,288)    | 76,483  |
| Net Change in Fund Balance   | (198,113)          | (198,113)       | 508,920      | 707,033   |
| FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING  | 598,113            | 598,113         | 598,113      |   |
| FUND BALANCES - ENDING   | \$ 400,000         | \$ 400,000      | \$ 1,107,033 | \$ 707,033  |
|  |                    |                 |              | (Concluded)   |

| ROAD FUND                       | Original<br>Budget | Final<br>Budget | Actual       | Variance with<br>Final Budget<br>Positive<br>(Negative) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------|---|
| RECEIPTS                        | •                  |                 |              |   |
| Taxes                           | \$ -               | \$ -            | \$ 1,468     | \$ 1,468  |
| Licenses and Permits            | -                  | -               | 1,250        | 1,250   |
| Interest                        | 5,000              | 5,000           | 8,242        | 3,242   |
| Intergovernmental               | 2,379,750          | 2,379,750       | 1,727,598    | (652,152)   |
| Miscellaneous                   | 2,510,813          | 2,510,813       | 2,512,345    | 1,532   |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS                  | 4,895,563          | 4,895,563       | 4,250,903    | (644,660)   |
| DISBURSEMENTS                   | 6,136,765          | 6,136,765       | 5,166,202    | 970,563   |
| EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF RECEIPTS |                    |                 |              |   |
| OVER DISBURSEMENTS              | (1,241,202)        | (1,241,202)     | (915,299)    | 325,903   |
| OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)  |                    |                 |              |   |
| Transfers in                    | 953,771            | 953,771         | 953,771      | -   |
| Transfers out                   | -                  | -               | (81,758)     | (81,758)  |
| TOTAL OTHER FINANCING           |                    |                 |              |   |
| SOURCES (USES)                  | 953,771            | 953,771         | 872,013      | (81,758)  |
| Net Change in Fund Balance      | (287,431)          | (287,431)       | (43,286)     | 244,145   |
| FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING        | 287,431            | 287,431         | 287,431      | -   |
| FUND BALANCE - ENDING           | \$ -               | \$ -            | \$ 244,145   | \$ 244,145  |
| <b>INHERITANCE FUND</b>         |                    |                 |              |   |
| RECEIPTS                        |                    |                 |              |   |
| Taxes                           | \$ 302,000         | \$ 302,000      | \$ 499,466   | \$ 197,466  |
| Intergovernmental               | -                  | -               | 25,781       | 25,781  |
| Miscellaneous                   | -                  | -               | 10           | 10  |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS                  | 302,000            | 302,000         | 525,257      | 223,257   |
| DISBURSEMENTS                   | 1,751,218          | 1,751,218       | 701,440      | 1,049,778   |
| EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF RECEIPTS |                    |                 |              |   |
| OVER DISBURSEMENTS              | (1,449,218)        | (1,449,218)     | (176,183)    | 1,273,035   |
| Net Change in Fund Balance      | (1,449,218)        | (1,449,218)     | (176,183)    | 1,273,035   |
| FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING        | 1,449,218          | 1,449,218       | 1,449,218    | -   |
| FUND BALANCE - ENDING           | \$ -               | \$ -            | \$ 1,273,035 | \$ 1,273,035  |
|                                 |                    |                 |              |   |

#### NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

For the Year Ended June 30, 2010

#### **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 appropriations, and other legally authorized 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 receipts 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 receipts 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 disbursements 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

|   | Visitor's<br>Promotion<br>Fund | Diversion<br>Program<br>Fund | Drug Law<br>Enforcement<br>Fund | Federal Drug<br>Law<br>Enforcement<br>Fund | Local<br>Grants -<br>Sheriff<br>Fund | Homeland<br>Security<br>Grant<br>Fund |
|---|--------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| RECEIPTS  |                                |                              |                                 |  |                                      |                                       |
| Property Taxes  | \$ 79,096                      | \$ -                         | \$ -                            | \$ -                                       | \$ -                                 | \$ -                                  |
| Interest  | -                              | -                            | 27                              | -  | -                                    | -                                     |
| Intergovernmental                                     | -                              | 14,500                       | -                               | -  | -                                    | 47,048                                |
| Charges for Services                                  | -                              | -                            | -                               | -  | -                                    | -                                     |
| Miscellaneous   | -                              | -                            |                                 | 2,477                                      | 14,605                               |                                       |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS  | 79,096                         | 14,500                       | 27                              | 2,477                                      | 14,605                               | 47,048                                |
| DISBURSEMENTS   |                                |                              |                                 |  |                                      |                                       |
| General Government                                    | -                              | -                            | -                               | -  | -                                    | -                                     |
| Public Safety   | -                              | 19,245                       | 6,490                           | -  | 15,652                               | 4,310                                 |
| Public Works  | -                              | -                            | -                               | -  | -                                    | -                                     |
| Culture and Recreation                                | 92,540                         |                              |                                 |  |                                      |                                       |
| TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS                                   | 92,540                         | 19,245                       | 6,490                           |  | 15,652                               | 4,310                                 |
| EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF RECEIPTS<br>OVER DISBURSEMENTS | (13,444)                       | (4,745)                      | (6,463)                         | 2,477                                      | (1,047)                              | 42,738                                |
| <b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>                 |                                |                              |                                 |  |                                      |                                       |
| Transfers in  | -                              | -                            | -                               | 5,275                                      | -                                    | -                                     |
| Transfers out   | -                              | -                            | -                               | -  | -                                    | -                                     |
| TOTAL OTHER FINANCING                                 |                                |                              |                                 |  |                                      |                                       |
| SOURCES (USES)  |                                |                              |                                 | 5,275                                      |                                      |                                       |
| Net Change in Fund Balances                           | (13,444)                       | (4,745)                      | (6,463)                         | 7,752                                      | (1,047)                              | 42,738                                |
| FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING                             | 33,326                         | 25,704                       | 10,136                          | -  | 1,053                                | 6,113                                 |
| FUND BALANCES - ENDING                                | \$ 19,882                      | \$ 20,959                    | \$ 3,673                        | \$ 7,752                                   | \$6                                  | \$ 48,851                             |
|   |                                |                              |                                 |  |                                      | (Continued)                           |

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

|   | Federal<br>Grant<br>Sheriff<br>Fund | Keno<br>Lottery<br>Fund | 911<br>Surcharge<br>Fund | Building<br>Maintenance<br>Fund | Landfill<br>Fund | Total<br>Nonmajor<br>Governmental<br>Funds |
|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|--|
| RECEIPTS  |                                     |                         |                          |                                 |                  |  |
| Property Taxes  | \$ -                                | \$ -                    | \$ 71,482                | \$ -                            | \$ -             | \$ 150,578                                 |
| Interest  | -                                   | 25                      | -                        | -                               | -                | 52   |
| Intergovernmental                                     | -                                   | -                       | -                        | -                               | -                | 61,548                                     |
| Charges for Services                                  | -                                   | -                       | -                        | 101,400                         | -                | 101,400                                    |
| Miscellaneous   | 11,040                              | 20,131                  |                          |                                 |                  | 48,253                                     |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS  | 11,040                              | 20,156                  | 71,482                   | 101,400                         |                  | 361,831                                    |
| DISBURSEMENTS   |                                     |                         |                          |                                 |                  |  |
| General Government                                    | -                                   | 3,414                   | -                        | 140,338                         | -                | 143,752                                    |
| Public Safety   | 11,040                              | -                       | 162,100                  | -                               | -                | 218,837                                    |
| Public Works  | -                                   | -                       | -                        | -                               | 13,621           | 13,621                                     |
| Culture and Recreation                                | -                                   | -                       | -                        | -                               | -                | 92,540                                     |
| TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS                                   | 11,040                              | 3,414                   | 162,100                  | 140,338                         | 13,621           | 468,750                                    |
| EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF RECEIPTS<br>OVER DISBURSEMENTS |                                     | 16,742                  | (90,618)                 | (38,938)                        | (13,621)         | (106,919)                                  |
| <b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>                 |                                     |                         |                          |                                 |                  |  |
| Transfers in  | _                                   | _                       | -                        | -                               | -                | 5,275                                      |
| Transfers out   | -                                   | -                       | -                        | -                               | -                | -, -                                       |
| TOTAL OTHER FINANCING                                 |                                     |                         |                          |                                 |                  |  |
| SOURCES (USES)  |                                     |                         |                          |                                 |                  | 5,275                                      |
| Net Change in Fund Balances                           | -                                   | 16,742                  | (90,618)                 | (38,938)                        | (13,621)         | (101,644)                                  |
| FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING                             | 4,291                               | 2,751                   | 292,016                  | 100,991                         | 290,281          | 766,662                                    |
| FUND BALANCES - ENDING                                | \$ 4,291                            | \$ 19,493               | \$ 201,398               | \$ 62,053                       | \$ 276,660       | \$ 665,018                                 |
|   |                                     |                         |                          |                                 |                  | (Concluded)                                |

| VISITOR'S PROMOTION FUND      |    | Driginal<br>Budget |    | Final<br>Budget |    | Actual   | Fin<br>F | iance with<br>al Budget<br>Positive<br>Jegative) |
|-------------------------------|----|--------------------|----|-----------------|----|----------|----------|--|
| RECEIPTS                      | -  |                    |    |                 |    |          |          |  |
| Taxes                         | \$ | 92,674             | \$ | 92,674          | \$ | 79,096   | \$       | (13,578)   |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS                | φ  | 92,674             | φ  | 92,674          | φ  | 79,090   | φ        | (13,578)<br>(13,578)                             |
| IOTAL RECEIPTS                |    | 72,074             |    | 72,074          |    | 77,070   |          | (13,378)   |
| DISBURSEMENTS                 |    | 126,000            |    | 126,000         |    | 92,540   |          | 33,460   |
| Net Change in Fund Balance    |    | (33,326)           |    | (33,326)        |    | (13,444) |          | 19,882   |
| FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING      |    | 33,326             |    | 33,326          |    | 33,326   |          | -  |
| FUND BALANCE - ENDING         | \$ |                    | \$ |                 | \$ | 19,882   | \$       | 19,882   |
|                               | Ŧ  |                    | ¥  |                 | Ŷ  | 17,002   | ÷        | 17,002   |
| <b>DIVERSION PROGRAM FUND</b> |    |                    |    |                 |    |          |          |  |
| RECEIPTS                      | -  |                    |    |                 |    |          |          |  |
| Intergovernmental             | \$ | -                  | \$ | -               | \$ | 14,500   | \$       | 14,500   |
| Miscellaneous                 |    | 16,296             |    | 16,296          |    | _        |          | (16,296)   |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS                |    | 16,296             |    | 16,296          |    | 14,500   |          | (1,796)  |
|                               |    |                    |    |                 |    |          |          |  |
| DISBURSEMENTS                 |    | 42,000             |    | 42,000          |    | 19,245   |          | 22,755   |
|                               |    |                    |    |                 |    |          |          |  |
| Net Change in Fund Balance    |    | (25,704)           |    | (25,704)        |    | (4,745)  |          | 20,959   |
| FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING      |    | 25,704             |    | 25,704          |    | 25,704   |          | -  |
| FUND BALANCE - ENDING         | \$ | -                  | \$ | -               | \$ | 20,959   | \$       | 20,959   |
| DRUG LAW ENFORCEMENT FUND     |    |                    |    |                 |    |          |          |  |
| RECEIPTS                      | -  |                    |    |                 |    |          |          |  |
| Interest                      | \$ | -                  | \$ | -               | \$ | 27       | \$       | 27   |
| Miscellaneous                 |    | 69,864             |    | 69,864          |    | -        |          | (69,864)   |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS                |    | 69,864             |    | 69,864          |    | 27       |          | (69,837)   |
| DISBURSEMENTS                 |    | 80,000             |    | 80,000          |    | 6,490    |          | 73,510   |
| Net Change in Fund Balance    |    | (10,136)           |    | (10,136)        |    | (6,463)  |          | 3,673  |
| FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING      |    | 10,136             |    | 10,136          |    | 10,136   |          |  |
| FUND BALANCE - ENDING         | \$ | -                  | \$ | -,              | \$ | 3,673    | \$       | 3,673  |
|                               |    |                    |    |                 |    |          |          | Continued)                                       |

|   |          | Original<br>Budget |          | Final<br>Budget    |          | Actual           | Fi | riance with<br>nal Budget<br>Positive<br>Negative) |
|---|----------|--------------------|----------|--------------------|----------|------------------|----|--|
| FEDERAL DRUG LAW<br>ENFORCEMENT FUND                            |          |                    |          |                    |          |                  |    |  |
| RECEIPTS  | -        |                    |          |                    |          |                  |    |  |
| Miscellaneous   | \$       | 250,000            | \$       | 250,000            | \$       | 2,477            | \$ | (247,523)  |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS  |          | 250,000            |          | 250,000            |          | 2,477            |    | (247,523)  |
| DISBURSEMENTS   |          | 250,000            |          | 250,000            |          | -                |    | 250,000  |
| OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)<br>Transfers in<br>Transfers out |          | -                  |          | -                  |          | 5,275            |    | 5,275  |
| TOTAL OTHER FINANCING<br>SOURCES (USES)                         |          | -                  |          | _                  |          | 5,275            |    | 5,275  |
| Net Change in Fund Balance                                      |          | -                  |          | -                  |          | 7,752            |    | 7,752  |
| FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING  | <u>ф</u> | -                  | φ.       | _                  | <u>_</u> | -                |    | -  |
| FUND BALANCE - ENDING   | \$       | -                  | \$       | -                  | \$       | 7,752            | \$ | 7,752  |
| LOCAL GRANTS - SHERIFF FUND                                     | _        |                    |          |                    |          |                  |    |  |
| RECEIPTS  | ¢        | 292.047            | ¢        | 292.047            | ¢        | 14 605           | ¢  | (2(0, 242))  |
| Miscellaneous<br>TOTAL RECEIPTS                                 | \$       | 283,947<br>283,947 | \$       | 283,947<br>283,947 | \$       | 14,605<br>14,605 | \$ | $\frac{(269,342)}{(269,342)}$                      |
| DISBURSEMENTS   |          | 285,000            |          | 285,000            |          | 15,652           |    | 269,348  |
| Net Change in Fund Balance                                      |          | (1,053)            |          | (1,053)            |          | (1,047)          |    | 6  |
| FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING  |          | 1,053              |          | 1,053              |          | 1,053            |    | -  |
| FUND BALANCE - ENDING   | \$       | -                  | \$       | -                  | \$       | 6                | \$ | 6  |
| HOMELAND SECURITY   |          |                    |          |                    |          |                  |    |  |
| GRANT FUND  |          |                    |          |                    |          |                  |    |  |
| RECEIPTS  | _        |                    |          |                    |          |                  |    |  |
| Intergovernmental   | \$       | 593,887            | \$       | 593,887            | \$       | 47,048           | \$ | (546,839)  |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS  |          | 593,887            |          | 593,887            |          | 47,048           |    | (546,839)  |
| DISBURSEMENTS   |          | 600,000            |          | 600,000            |          | 4,310            |    | 595,690  |
| Net Change in Fund Balance                                      |          | (6,113)            |          | (6,113)            |          | 42,738           |    | 48,851   |
| FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING  | ¢        | 6,113              | <u>ф</u> | 6,113              | <i>ф</i> | 6,113            | ф. | -  |
| FUND BALANCE - ENDING   | \$       | -                  | \$       | -                  | \$       | 48,851           | \$ | 48,851   |
|   |          |                    |          |                    |          |                  | (  | Continued)   |

|                            |          | Original<br>Budget |          | Final<br>Budget |          | Actual   | Fin<br>I | iance with<br>al Budget<br>Positive<br>Jegative) |
|----------------------------|----------|--------------------|----------|-----------------|----------|----------|----------|--|
| FEDERAL GRANT SHERIFF FUND | _        |                    |          |                 |          |          |          |  |
| RECEIPTS                   |          |                    |          |                 |          |          |          |  |
| Intergovernmental          | \$       | 95,709             | \$       | 95,709          | \$       | -        | \$       | (95,709)   |
| Miscellaneous              |          | -                  |          | -               |          | 11,040   |          | 11,040   |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS             |          | 95,709             |          | 95,709          |          | 11,040   |          | (84,669)   |
| DISBURSEMENTS              |          | 100,000            |          | 100,000         |          | 11,040   |          | 88,960   |
| Net Change in Fund Balance |          | (4,291)            |          | (4,291)         |          | -        |          | 4,291  |
| FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING   |          | 4,291              |          | 4,291           |          | 4,291    |          | -  |
| FUND BALANCE - ENDING      | \$       | -                  | \$       | -               | \$       | 4,291    | \$       | 4,291  |
| KENO LOTTERY FUND          | _        |                    |          |                 |          |          |          |  |
| RECEIPTS                   | <b>.</b> |                    | <b>.</b> |                 | <b>.</b> |          | <b>.</b> | • -  |
| Interest                   | \$       | -                  | \$       | -               | \$       | 25       | \$       | 25   |
| Miscellaneous              |          | 18,000             |          | 18,000          |          | 20,131   |          | 2,131  |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS             |          | 18,000             |          | 18,000          |          | 20,156   |          | 2,156  |
| DISBURSEMENTS              |          | 20,751             |          | 20,751          |          | 3,414    |          | 17,337   |
| Net Change in Fund Balance |          | (2,751)            |          | (2,751)         |          | 16,742   |          | 19,493   |
| FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING   |          | 2,751              |          | 2,751           |          | 2,751    |          | -  |
| FUND BALANCE - ENDING      | \$       | -                  | \$       | -               | \$       | 19,493   | \$       | 19,493   |
| 911 SURCHARGE FUND         | _        |                    |          |                 |          |          |          |  |
| RECEIPTS<br>Taxes          | \$       | 78 000             | \$       | 78,000          | ¢        | 71 492   | ¢        | (6510)   |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS             | φ        | 78,000             | φ        |                 | \$       | 71,482   | \$       | (6,518)  |
| IUIAL RECEIPIS             |          | 78,000             |          | 78,000          |          | 71,482   |          | (6,518)  |
| DISBURSEMENTS              |          | 370,016            |          | 370,016         |          | 162,100  |          | 207,916  |
| Net Change in Fund Balance |          | (292,016)          |          | (292,016)       |          | (90,618) |          | 201,398  |
| FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING   |          | 292,016            |          | 292,016         |          | 292,016  |          | -  |
| FUND BALANCE - ENDING      | \$       | -                  | \$       | -               | \$       | 201,398  | \$       | 201,398  |
|                            |          |                    |          |                 |          |          | ((       | Continued)                                       |

|                                  | Original<br>Budget | Final<br>Budget | Actual     | Variance with<br>Final Budget<br>Positive<br>(Negative) |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|------------|---|
| <b>BUILDING MAINTENANCE FUND</b> | _                  |                 |            |   |
| RECEIPTS                         |                    |                 |            |   |
| Charges for Services             | \$ 93,600          | \$ 93,600       | \$ 101,400 | \$ 7,800  |
| Miscellaneous                    | 200,000            | 200,000         |            | (200,000)   |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS                   | 293,600            | 293,600         | 101,400    | (192,200)   |
| DISBURSEMENTS                    | 394,591            | 394,591         | 140,338    | 254,253   |
| Net Change in Fund Balance       | (100,991)          | (100,991)       | (38,938)   | 62,053  |
| FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING         | 100,991            | 100,991         | 100,991    | -   |
| FUND BALANCE - ENDING            | \$ -               | \$ -            | \$ 62,053  | \$ 62,053   |
| LANDFILL FUND                    |                    |                 |            |   |
| RECEIPTS                         | -<br>\$-           | \$ -            | \$ -       | \$ -  |
| DISBURSEMENTS                    | 290,281            | 290,281         | 13,621     | 276,660   |
| Net Change in Fund Balance       | (290,281)          | (290,281)       | (13,621)   | 276,660   |
| FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING         | 290,281            | 290,281         | 290,281    | -   |
| FUND BALANCE - ENDING            | \$ -               | \$ -            | \$ 276,660 | \$ 276,660  |
|                                  |                    |                 |            | (Concluded)   |
|                                  |                    |                 |            | ()  |

# OTOE COUNTY SCHEDULE OF OFFICE ACTIVITIES

|                              |    | unty<br>erk | Register of Deeds | Ι  | erk of the<br>District<br>Court | County<br>Sheriff | County<br>Attorney | S  | Child<br>upport<br>orcement |    | ounty<br>Keno | <br>Total     |
|------------------------------|----|-------------|-------------------|----|---------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|----|-----------------------------|----|---------------|---------------|
| BALANCE JULY 1, 2009         | \$ | 6,748       | \$ 13,675         | \$ | 31,952                          | \$<br>12,464      | \$ 9,213           | \$ | 145                         | \$ | 5,478         | \$<br>79,675  |
| RECEIPTS                     |    |             |                   |    |                                 |                   |                    |    |                             |    |               |               |
| Licenses and Permits         |    | 1,335       | -                 |    | -                               | -                 | -                  |    | -                           |    | -             | 1,335         |
| Intergovernmental            |    | -           | -                 |    | -                               | 820               | -                  |    | -                           |    | -             | 820           |
| Charges for Services         | ,  | 7,604       | 79,659            |    | 34,636                          | 55,744            | 4,100              |    | -                           |    | -             | 181,743       |
| Miscellaneous                |    | -           | -                 |    | -                               | -                 | 4                  |    | -                           |    | 16,632        | 16,636        |
| State Fees                   |    | 9,144       | 82,190            |    | 21,941                          | -                 | -                  |    | -                           |    | 3,665         | 116,940       |
| Other Liabilities            |    | -           | -                 |    | 208,521                         | <br>19,869        | 84,790             |    | 1,860                       | 1  | 62,962        | 478,002       |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS               | 1  | 8,083       | 161,849           |    | 265,098                         | 76,433            | 88,894             |    | 1,860                       | 1  | 83,259        | 795,476       |
| DISBURSEMENTS                |    |             |                   |    |                                 |                   |                    |    |                             |    |               |               |
| Payments to County Treasurer |    | 1,100       | 79,045            |    | 34,814                          | 57,913            | 3,790              |    | -                           |    | 20,131        | 206,793       |
| Payments to State Treasurer  | 1. | 3,333       | 76,420            |    | 22,193                          | -                 | -                  |    | -                           |    | -             | 111,946       |
| Other Liabilities            |    | -           |                   |    | 177,841                         | 22,377            | 87,511             |    | 1,757                       |    | 59,752        | <br>449,238   |
| TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS          | 2  | 4,433       | 155,465           |    | 234,848                         | <br>80,290        | 91,301             |    | 1,757                       | 1  | 79,883        | <br>767,977   |
| BALANCE JUNE 30, 2010        | \$ | 398         | \$ 20,059         | \$ | 62,202                          | \$<br>8,607       | \$ 6,806           | \$ | 248                         | \$ | 8,854         | \$<br>107,174 |
| BALANCE CONSISTS OF:         |    |             |                   |    |                                 |                   |                    |    |                             |    |               |               |
| Due to County Treasurer      | \$ | 398         | \$ 8,150          | \$ | 1,764                           | \$<br>7,489       | \$ 4,065           | \$ | -                           | \$ | 1,289         | \$<br>23,155  |
| Petty Cash                   |    | -           | -                 |    | 100                             | 1,000             | 500                |    | 248                         |    | -             | 1,848         |
| Due to State Treasurer       |    | -           | 11,909            |    | 1,648                           | -                 | -                  |    | -                           |    | 287           | 13,844        |
| Due to Others                |    |             |                   |    | 58,690                          | <br>118           | 2,241              |    | _                           |    | 7,278         | <br>68,327    |
| BALANCE JUNE 30, 2010        | \$ | 398         | \$ 20,059         | \$ | 62,202                          | \$<br>8,607       | \$ 6,806           | \$ | 248                         | \$ | 8,854         | \$<br>107,174 |
|                              |    |             |                   |    |                                 |                   |                    |    |                             |    |               |               |

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

June 30, 2010

| Item   | 2005          | 2006          | 2007          | 2008          | 2009          |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Tax Certified by Assessor  |               |               |               |               |               |
| Real Estate  | \$ 18,443,477 | \$ 19,477,089 | \$ 20,196,224 | \$ 21,416,952 | \$ 22,076,572 |
| Personal and Specials  | 1,289,560     | 1,246,657     | 1,712,848     | 1,927,612     | 1,898,067     |
| Total  | 19,733,037    | 20,723,746    | 21,909,072    | 23,344,564    | 23,974,639    |
| Corrections  |               |               |               |               |               |
| Additions  | 8,367         | 16,794        | 9,594         | 7,574         | 9,078         |
| Deductions   | (61,358)      | (66,200)      | (47,170)      | (66,913)      | (13,318)      |
| Net Additions/   |               |               |               |               |               |
| (Deductions)   | (52,991)      | (49,406)      | (37,576)      | (59,339)      | (4,240)       |
| Corrected Certified Tax  | 19,680,046    | 20,674,340    | 21,871,496    | 23,285,225    | 23,970,399    |
| Net Tax Collected by<br>County Treasurer during<br>Fiscal Year Ending: |               |               |               |               |               |
| June 30, 2006  | 11,270,033    | -             | -             | -             | -             |
| June 30, 2007  | 8,388,246     | 11,855,310    | -             | -             | -             |
| June 30, 2008  | 13,915        | 8,798,949     | 12,825,859    | -             | -             |
| June 30, 2009  | 1,069         | 9,129         | 9,032,999     | 13,776,710    | -             |
| June 30, 2010  | 1,480         | 3,724         | 397           | 9,472,525     | 14,181,137    |
| Total Net Collections  | 19,674,743    | 20,667,112    | 21,859,255    | 23,249,235    | 14,181,137    |
|  |               |               |               |               |               |
| Total Uncollected Tax  | \$ 5,303      | \$ 7,228      | \$ 12,241     | \$ 35,990     | \$ 9,789,262  |
| Percentage Uncollected Tax   | 0.03%         | 0.03%         | 0.06%         | 0.15%         | 40.84%        |



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#### OTOE 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 Commissioners Otoe County, Nebraska

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Otoe County as of and for the year ended June 30, 2010, and have issued our report thereon dated January 25, 2011. The report notes the financial statements were prepared on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements. 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 Otoe County's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Otoe County's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses and therefore, there can be no assurance that all deficiencies, significant deficiencies, or material weaknesses have been identified. However, as discussed below, we identified a certain deficiency in internal control that we consider to be a material weakness.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect, and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the County's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. We consider the following deficiency to be a material weakness:

• 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.

### **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Otoe 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 certain matters that we reported to management of Otoe County in a separate letter dated January 25, 2011.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, the County Board, others within the entity, the State Legislature, 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.

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January 25, 2011

Deann Haeffner, CPA Assistant Deputy Auditor



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January 25, 2011

Board of Commissioners Otoe County, Nebraska

Dear Commissioners:

We have audited the basic financial statements of Otoe County (County) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2010, and have issued our report thereon dated January 25, 2011. In planning and performing our audit of the basic financial statements of the County, we considered internal control in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the basic financial statements. An audit does not include examining the effectiveness of internal control and does not provide assurance on internal control. We also performed tests of the County's compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants.

During our audit, we noted certain matters involving internal control over financial reporting and other operational matters that are presented here. These comments and recommendations are intended to improve the internal control over financial reporting or result in operational efficiencies in the areas as follows:

# **COUNTY OVERALL**

#### **Segregation of Duties**

Good internal control includes a plan of organization, procedures, and records designed to safeguard assets and provide reliable financial records. A system of internal control should include a proper segregation of duties so no one individual is capable of handling all phases of a transaction from beginning to end.

We noted the offices of the County each had a lack of segregation of duties since one person could handle all aspects of processing a transaction from beginning to end. Due to a limited number of personnel, an adequate segregation of duties is not possible without additional cost. This was also noted in prior audits.

We recommend the County review this situation. As always, the County must weigh the cost of hiring additional personnel versus the benefit of a proper segregation of duties.

### Claim Process

Good internal control requires the process of reviewing and approving claims be designed to reduce the risk of error.

During our audit we noted petty cash claims submitted by the County Sheriff and Child Support office did not always have adequate supporting documentation attached. We also noted a claim for \$36,342 was paid twice in July 2010. When claims are not reviewed for accuracy and adequate supporting documentation the risk of error or loss of funds increases.

We recommend the County Board implement procedures to ensure all claims have supporting documentation and that claims are not paid twice for the same invoice.

# **COUNTY SHERIFF**

### Accounting Procedures

Sound accounting practice and good internal control require procedures be in place to ensure office assets (cash on hand, reconciled bank balance, accounts receivable, etc.) are in agreement with office liabilities (fees and trust accounts) on at least a monthly basis. Balancing procedures should include the timely identification and resolution of all variances noted.

At June 30, 2010, the County Sheriff's records indicated a receivable balance of \$3,565; however, a listing of the individual accounts to support the balance could not be determined. When all monies received are not appropriately accounted for and there is a failure to determine asset to liability balancing variances, there is an increased risk of loss, theft, or misuse of funds allowing errors to more easily go undetected.

We recommend the County Sheriff implement documented monthly balancing procedures and follow up on variances in a timely manner.

# **COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS**

#### **Accounting Procedures**

Sound accounting practice and good internal control require procedures be in place to ensure office assets (cash on hand, reconciled bank balance, accounts receivable, etc.) are in agreement with office liabilities (fees and trust accounts) on at least a monthly basis. Balancing procedures should include the timely identification and resolution of all variances noted.

At June 30, 2010, the County Register of Deeds records indicated an excess amount in the bank account of \$811. When all monies received are not appropriately accounted for and there is a failure to determine asset to liability balancing variances, there is an increased risk of loss, theft, or misuse of funds allowing errors to more easily go undetected.

We recommend the County Register of Deeds implement procedures to ensure assets agree to liabilities and remit the excess funds to the County Treasurer.

# **COUNTY TREASURER**

### **Interest Receipted Twice**

During our audit we noted interest earned on a certificate of deposit, in the amount of \$2,508, was receipted twice during September 2009. This resulted in the Daily Balance Sheet and County General Fund to be overstated by the \$2,508 during the period September 2009 to December 2010.

Good internal control and sound accounting practices require procedures be in place to ensure assets reflected on the Daily Balance Sheet are accurate.

We recommend the County Treasurer implement procedures to ensure the amount reflected on the Daily Balance Sheet is accurate and complete.

# **COUNTY ATTORNEY**

### **Receipts Not Written**

During our audit we noted the County Attorney was not issuing receipts for all money received. Receipts were not written for bad check collection fees of \$4,100 and one restitution case in the amount of \$16,275. These funds were appropriately deposited into the County Attorney bank account.

Neb. Rev. Stat. § 23-1207 (Reissue 2007) requires the County Attorney to give to the person paying or depositing money a receipt.

We recommend the County Attorney issue receipts for all money received.

It should be noted this report is critical in nature since it contains only our comments and recommendations on the areas noted for improvement and does not include our observations on any strong features of the County.

Draft copies of this report were furnished to the County to provide them an opportunity to review the report and to respond to the comments and recommendations included in this report. The County declined to respond.

We appreciate the cooperation and courtesy extended to our auditors during the course of the audit.

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.

Sincerely,

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Deann Haeffner Assistant Deputy Auditor