AUDIT REPORT OF SAUNDERS COUNTY

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LIST OF COUNTY OFFICIALS

At June 30, 2010

		Term
Name	Title	Expires
Doris Karloff	Board of Supervisors	Jan. 2013
Dave Lutton	-	Jan. 2011
Scott Sukstorf		Jan. 2013
Kenneth Kuncl		Jan. 2011
Craig Breunig		Jan. 2011
Leroy Hanson		Jan. 2011
James Fauver		Jan. 2013
Scott Tingelhoff	Attorney	Jan. 2011
Patti Lindgren	Clerk Election Commissioner	Jan. 2011
Don Clark	Register of Deeds	Jan. 2011
Paul Johnson	Clerk of the District Court	Jan. 2011
Kevin Stukenholtz	Sheriff	Jan. 2011
Patricia Hunter	Treasurer	Jan. 2011
Herbert Barnes	Veterans' Service Officer	Appointed
Ed Sladky	Weed Superintendent	Appointed
Steve Mika	Highway Superintendent	Appointed
George Borreson	Planning & Zoning	Appointed
Sheri Schaeffer	Senior Services	Appointed
Pam Lausterer	Youth Services	Appointed
Terry Miller	Emergency Management	Appointed



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SAUNDERS COUNTY

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Supervisors Saunders County, Nebraska

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Saunders 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.

The financial statements referred to above include only the primary government of Saunders County, which consists of all funds, departments, and offices that comprise the County's legal entity. The financial statements do not include financial data for the County's legally separate component units, which accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be reported with the financial data of the County's primary government. As a result, the primary government financial statements do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of the reporting entity of Saunders County as of June 30, 2010, and the changes in its financial position for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective cash balances of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information for the primary government of Saunders 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 April 26, 2011, on our consideration of Saunders 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

April 26, 2011

Deann Haeffner, CPA Assistant Deputy Auditor

SAUNDERS COUNTY **STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS - CASH BASIS**June 30, 2010

		overnmental Activities
ASSETS		
Cash and Cash Equivalents (Note 1.D)	\$	8,273,274
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	8,273,274
NET ASSETS Restricted for:		
Veterans' Aid	\$	95,118
E911 Services	Ψ	161,842
Other Purposes		28,996
Debt Service		4,861,202
Unrestricted		3,126,116
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$	8,273,274

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

For the Year Ended June 30, 2010

		Program Cash Receipts		Net (Disbursement)
		Fees, Fines,	Operating	Receipts and
	Cash	and Charges	Grants and	Changes in
Functions:	Disbursements	for Services	Contributions	Net Assets
Governmental Activities:	_			
General Government	\$ (4,806,225)	\$ 658,947	\$ 120,591	\$ (4,026,687)
Public Safety	(3,592,188)	1,491,017	74,745	(2,026,426)
Public Works	(3,438,630)	-	2,240,989	(1,197,641)
Health and Sanitation	(31,183)	-	-	(31,183)
Public Assistance	(507,009)	78,945	150,412	(277,652)
Culture and Recreation	(47,995)	-	-	(47,995)
Debt Payments	(1,957,174)	-	-	(1,957,174)
Capital Outlay	(59,171)	-	-	(59,171)
Total Governmental Activities	\$ (14,439,575)	\$ 2,228,909	\$ 2,586,737	(9,623,929)
	General Receipts Property Taxes Grants and Con	6,892,604		
	Specific Prog	rams		750,652
	Investment Inco	ome		176,080
	Licenses and Pe	ermits		175,405
	Bond Reimburs	sement		1,380,000
	Miscellaneous			274,155
	Total General Receipts			9,648,896
	Change in Net Assets Net Assets - Beginning			24,967 8,248,307
	Net Assets - Endi	· ·		\$ 8,273,274
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STATEMENT OF CASH BASIS ASSETS AND FUND BALANCES GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

June 30, 2010

	General		Inheritance	Health Services	Other Governmental	Total Governmental
	Fund	Road Fund	Fund	Bond Fund	Funds	Funds
ASSETS						
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 1.D)	\$ 606,758	\$ 243,616	\$ 972,617	\$ 4,519,388	\$ 1,930,895	\$ 8,273,274
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 606,758	\$ 243,616	\$ 972,617	\$ 4,519,388	\$ 1,930,895	\$ 8,273,274
FUND BALANCES						
Unreserved, reported in:						
General fund	\$ 606,758	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 606,758
Special revenue funds	-	243,616	972,617	-	1,579,908	2,796,141
Debt service funds	-	-	-	4,519,388	341,814	4,861,202
Capital project funds				<u>-</u> _	9,173	9,173
TOTAL CASH BASIS FUND BALANCES	\$ 606,758	\$ 243,616	\$ 972,617	\$ 4,519,388	\$ 1,930,895	\$ 8,273,274

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 Fund	Health Services Bond Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
RECEIPTS						
Property Taxes	\$5,561,797	\$ -	\$ 463,144	\$ 163,834	\$ 703,829	\$ 6,892,604
Licenses and Permits	175,405	-	-	-	-	175,405
Interest	103,036	-	-	64,727	8,317	176,080
Intergovernmental	724,878	2,253,413	-	14,258	344,840	3,337,389
Charges for Services	2,134,418	-	-	-	94,491	2,228,909
Miscellaneous	62,797	33,403	21	1,433,651	124,283	1,654,155
TOTAL RECEIPTS	8,762,331	2,286,816	463,165	1,676,470	1,275,760	14,464,542
DISBURSEMENTS						
General Government	4,334,970	-	200,237	1,048	269,970	4,806,225
Public Safety	3,248,582	-	_	-	343,606	3,592,188
Public Works	139,397	2,984,852	-	-	314,381	3,438,630
Health and Sanitation	31,183	-	-	-	-	31,183
Public Assistance	189,767	-	-	-	317,242	507,009
Culture and Recreation	26,000	-	-	-	21,995	47,995
Debt Service:						
Principal Payments	-	-	-	445,000	-	445,000
Interest and Fiscal Charges	-	-	-	987,809	524,365	1,512,174
Capital Outlay	-	-	-	-	59,171	59,171
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	7,969,899	2,984,852	200,237	1,433,857	1,850,730	14,439,575
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS	792,432	(698,036)	262,928	242,613	(574,970)	24,967
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)						
Transfers in	676,197	678,781	100,000	-	617,616	2,072,594
Transfers out	(1,234,655)		(837,939)			(2,072,594)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING						
SOURCES (USES)	(558,458)	678,781	(737,939)		617,616	
Net Change in Fund Balances CASH BASIS FUND	233,974	(19,255)	(475,011)	242,613	42,646	24,967
BALANCES - BEGINNING	372,784	262,871	1,447,628	4,276,775	1,888,249	8,248,307
CASH BASIS FUND						
BALANCES - ENDING	\$ 606,758	\$ 243,616	\$ 972,617	\$4,519,388	\$ 1,930,895	\$ 8,273,274

STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY ASSETS AND LIABILITIES - CASH BASIS FIDUCIARY FUNDS

June 30, 2010

	Ag	gency Funds
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	3,280,779
LIABILITIES		
Due to other governments		
State		347,631
Schools		2,270,445
Educational Service Units		4,310
Technical College		19,702
Natural Resource Districts		12,332
Fire Districts		14,530
Municipalities		81,985
Agricultural Society		2,667
Drainage Districts		42,953
Townships		16,120
Sanitary and Improvement Districts		423,140
Others		44,964
TOTAL LIABILITIES		3,280,779
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$	

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2010

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

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

A. Reporting Entity

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

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

Joint Organization.

<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

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

County contributed \$75,061 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.

<u>Health Department</u> – The County has entered into an agreement with Three Rivers 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 make any contributions towards 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 and the Hospital. 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 County is reported separately from certain legally separate component units for which the primary government is financially accountable.

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

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

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.

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 estate taxes.

Health Services Bond Fund. This fund accounts for the resources for, and the payment of, long-term debt principal, interest and related costs associated with bonds issued for the construction of hospital facilities.

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.

Capital Project Funds. These funds account for all resources received and used for the acquisition or development of major capital improvements.

Debt Service Funds. These funds account for the resources for, and the payment of, general long-term debt principal, interest, and related costs.

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

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

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 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.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

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 \$5,147,158 of restricted net assets, of which \$285,956 is restricted by enabling legislation.

2. Deposits and Investments

The County has generally pooled the cash resources of the various funds for investment purposes. Interest earned on pooled funds is credited to the County General Fund in accordance with Neb. Rev. Stat. § 77-2315 (Reissue 2009).

At year end, the County's carrying amount of deposits was \$8,273,274 for County funds and \$3,280,779 for Fiduciary funds. The bank balances for all funds totaled \$11,598,255. 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.

3. Property Taxes

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

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

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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3. **Property Taxes** (Concluded)

The levy set in October 2009, for the 2009 taxes which will be materially collected in May and September, 2010, was set at \$.29554/\$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 \$.29822/\$100 of assessed valuation. The amount collected for motor vehicle tax is outlined in State Statute.

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

4. Retirement System

The Retirement System for Nebraska Counties (the Plan) is a multiple-employer 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.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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4. Retirement System (Concluded)

For the year ended June 30, 2010, 194 employees contributed \$255,365; the County contributed \$382,214. Additionally, for the year ended June 30, 2010, 20 law enforcement employees and the County contributed \$7,502 in cash contributions for the supplemental law enforcement plan. Lastly, the County paid \$1,452 directly to 15 retired employees for prior service benefits.

5. Risk Management

The County is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The County is a member of the Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association (NIRMA), a public entity risk pool currently operating as a common risk management and insurance program for 78 counties throughout Nebraska.

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

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

	NIRMA		Maximum	
		Coverage		Coverage
General Liability Claim	\$	300,000	\$	5,000,000
Worker's Compensation Claim	\$	500,000	Stati	utory Limits
Property Damage Claim	\$	250,000		red Value at lacement Cost

The County has not paid any additional assessments to the Pool in the last three fiscal years and no assessments are anticipated for fiscal year 2011. The County has not had to pay out any amounts that exceeded coverage provided by the Pool in the last three fiscal years.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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6. <u>Interfund Transfers</u>

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

	Transfers from			
	General	Inheritance		
Transfers to	Fund Fund		Total	
General Fund	\$ -	\$ 676,197	\$ 676,197	
Inheritance Fund	100,000	-	100,000	
Road Fund	678,781	-	678,781	
Nonmajor Funds	455,874	161,742	617,616	
Total	\$ 1,234,655	\$ 837,939	\$ 2,072,594	

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

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

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

	Snogo		
	Snowblower		
Balance July 1, 2009	\$	-	
Payments		-	
Purchases		107,362	
Balance June 30, 2010	\$	107,362	
Future Payments:			
Year			
2011	\$	21,472	
2012		21,473	
2013		21,472	
2014		21,473	
2015		21,472	
Total Payments		107,362	
Less Interest		15,362	
Present Value of Future			
Minimum Lease Payments	\$	92,000	
Carrying Value of the related	<u></u>		
Fixed Asset	\$	92,000	

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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8. <u>Interfund Loans</u>

Receivable Fund	Payable Fund	Amount
Building Fund	General Fund	\$ 241,543

In the fiscal year ended June 30, 2003, the County experienced a cash flow problem in its General Fund and adopted a resolution in September 2002 which authorized borrowing up to \$750,000 from the Building Fund. Subsequent resolutions authorized borrowing against remaining funds not borrowed. The County's intent, as stated in its authorizing resolution, was that the Building Fund was to be repaid within ten years, or sooner if possible. In fiscal year 2010 no additional monies were borrowed from the Building Fund. At June 30, 2010, the unpaid Building Fund loan balance totaled \$241,543.

9. Contingent Liabilities

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

Hospital Bond. The County issued bonds in November 2005 in the amount of \$9,400,000 and in January 2006 in the amount of \$12,740,000; a total of \$22,140,000 for the purpose of paying the costs of acquiring a site and constructing and equipping a new hospital clinic and long-term care facility. The bond payable balance as of June 30, 2010, was \$21,265,000. Saunders County has the ability to levy taxes as necessary to cover the annual required principal and interest payments over the term of these bonds. These future tax resources as well as proceeds from said facility will be used to pay off the bonds. Complete financial statements of the Hospital can be obtained from the Hospital's administrative office.

Future 1	Payments:
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Year]	Principal	Interest	Total
2011	\$	465,000	\$ 971,879	\$ 1,436,879
2012		480,000	954,865	1,434,865
2013		495,000	936,771	1,431,771
2014		515,000	917,469	1,432,469
2015		535,000	896,876	1,431,876
2016-2020		3,025,000	4,130,741	7,155,741
2021-2036	1	15,750,000	6,963,133	22,713,133
Total Payments	\$ 2	21,265,000	\$ 15,771,734	\$ 37,036,734

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(Continued)

10. Long-Term Debt (Concluded)

Law Enforcement Center Bond. The County issued bonds in December 2006 in the amount of \$7,990,000 and in January 2007 in the amount of \$5,000,000; a total of \$12,990,000 for the purpose of paying the costs of acquiring a site and constructing and equipping a new law enforcement facility. The bond payable balance as of June 30, 2010, was \$12,990,000. Saunders County has the ability to levy taxes as necessary to cover the annual required principal and interest payments over the term of these bonds. Future tax resources will be used to pay off the bonds.

Future Payments:				
Year	Principal		Interest	Total
2011	\$ 555,000	\$	514,706	\$ 1,069,706
2012	580,000		494,809	1,074,809
2013	595,000		473,917	1,068,917
2014	610,000		452,191	1,062,191
2015	655,000		429,164	1,084,164
2016-2020	3,590,000		1,751,475	5,341,475
2021-2036	6,405,000		1,020,018	7,425,018
Total Payments	\$ 12,990,000	\$	5,136,280	\$ 18,126,280

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL GENERAL FUND

For the Year Ended June 30, 2010

				Variance with
	Oni ain al	Ein al		Final Budget
	Original	Final	A a4ma1	Positive (Negative)
DECEIDES	Budget	Budget	Actual	(Negative)
RECEIPTS	¢ 5 575 602	¢ 5 575 600	¢ 5 561 707	¢ (12.905)
Taxes	\$ 5,575,602	\$ 5,575,602	\$ 5,561,797	\$ (13,805)
Licenses and Permits	154,700	154,700	175,405	20,705
Interest	175,000	175,000	103,036	(71,964)
Intergovernmental	323,400	323,400	724,878	401,478
Charges for Services	2,390,650	2,390,650	2,134,418	(256,232)
Miscellaneous	55,000	55,000	62,797	7,797
TOTAL RECEIPTS	8,674,352	8,674,352	8,762,331	87,979
DISBURSEMENTS				
General Government:				
County Board	146,124	146,124	141,890	4,234
County Clerk	137,520	137,520	134,098	3,422
County Treasurer	289,624	298,530	298,530	-
Register of Deeds	95,516	95,516	93,327	2,189
Election Commissioner	101,378	101,378	88,673	12,705
Building and Zoning	86,280	86,280	81,333	4,947
Board of Equalization	14,250	14,480	14,480	-
Clerk of the District Court	86,716	86,716	85,001	1,715
District Judge	42,960	42,960	37,408	5,552
Public Defender	167,860	167,860	157,026	10,834
Building and Grounds	75,095	75,095	71,271	3,824
Agricultural Extension Agent	83,051	83,051	80,148	2,903
Child Support Services - District Court	44,215	44,215	36,274	7,941
Child Support Services - Attorney	157,432	157,432	151,196	6,236
Building Security	96,255	96,255	84,688	11,567
Miscellaneous	2,667,400	2,658,264	2,640,680	17,584
Maintenance LE&J Center	152,400	152,400	138,947	13,453
Public Safety:				
County Sheriff	1,054,230	1,054,230	1,000,337	53,893
County Attorney	299,647	299,647	299,636	11
County Attorney Grant	16,551	16,551	16,548	3
County Jail	1,947,660	1,947,660	1,866,256	81,404
County Sheriff Grant	64,641	64,641	21,879	42,762
Miscellaneous	30,129	30,129	43,926	(13,797)
				(Continued)

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL GENERAL FUND

For the Year Ended June 30, 2010

				Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final		Positive
	Budget	Budget	Actual	(Negative)
DISBURSEMENTS (Continued)				
Public Works:				
County Surveyor	91,140	91,140	89,499	1,641
Noxious Weed Control	58,832	58,832	49,898	8,934
Public Health:				
Miscellaneous	33,806	33,806	31,183	2,623
Public Assistance:				
Veterans' Service Officer	43,361	43,361	42,877	484
Institutions	12,500	12,500	7,993	4,507
Medical Relief	25,000	47,040	47,040	-
Miscellaneous	124,295	102,255	84,191	18,064
Unemployment Compensation	10,000	10,000	7,666	2,334
Culture and Recreation:				
Miscellaneous	26,000	26,000	26,000	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	8,281,868	8,281,868	7,969,899	311,969
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY)				
OF RECEIPTS OVER				
DISBURSEMENTS	392,484	392,484	792,432	399,948
OTHER FINANCING				
SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers in	2,027,630	2,027,630	676,197	(1,351,433)
Transfers out	(1,411,427)	(1,411,427)	(1,234,655)	176,772
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING	-1 - 000		(550,450)	(4 4 - 44)
SOURCES (USES)	616,203	616,203	(558,458)	(1,174,661)
Net Change in Fund Balance	1,008,687	1,008,687	233,974	(774,713)
FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING	372,784	372,784	372,784	
FUND BALANCES - ENDING	\$ 1,381,471	\$ 1,381,471	\$ 606,758	\$ (774,713)

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BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL MAJOR FUNDS

For the Year Ended June 30, 2010

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
ROAD FUND	_			
RECEIPTS				
Intergovernmental	\$ 2,200,000	\$ 2,200,000	\$ 2,253,413	\$ 53,413
Charges for Services	15,000	15,000	-	(15,000)
Miscellaneous	31,500	31,500	33,403	1,903
TOTAL RECEIPTS	2,246,500	2,246,500	2,286,816	40,316
DISBURSEMENTS	3,656,088	3,656,088	2,984,852	671,236
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS	(1,409,588)	(1,409,588)	(698,036)	711,552
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers in	1,146,717	1,146,717	678,781	(467,936)
Transfers out	1,140,717	1,140,717	070,701	(407,730)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING				
SOURCES (USES)	1,146,717	1,146,717	678,781	(467,936)
Net Change in Fund Balance	(262,871)	(262,871)	(19,255)	243,616
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING	262,871	262,871	262,871	, -
FUND BALANCE - ENDING	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 243,616	\$ 243,616
INHERITANCE FUND				
RECEIPTS				
Taxes	\$ 505,000	\$ 505,000	\$ 463,144	\$ (41,856)
Miscellaneous			21	21
TOTAL RECEIPTS	505,000	505,000	463,165	(41,835)
DISBURSEMENTS	463,153	463,153	200,237	262,916
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF RECEIPTS				
OVER DISBURSEMENTS	41,847	41,847	262,928	221,081
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers in	250,000	250,000	100,000	(150,000)
Transfers out	(1,739,475)	(1,739,475)	(837,939)	901,536
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING	(1,733,173)	(1,73),173)	(031,737)	701,330
SOURCES (USES)	(1,489,475)	(1,489,475)	(737,939)	751,536
Net Change in Fund Balance	(1,447,628)	(1,447,628)	(475,011)	972,617
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING	1,447,628	1,447,628	1,447,628	, -
FUND BALANCE - ENDING	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 972,617	\$ 972,617
				(Continued)

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL MAJOR FUNDS

For the Year Ended June 30, 2010

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
HEALTH SERVICES BOND FUND	_			
RECEIPTS				
Taxes	\$ 175,400	\$ 175,400	\$ 163,834	\$ (11,566)
Interest	75,000	75,000	64,727	(10,273)
Intergovernmental	-	-	14,258	14,258
Miscellaneous	1,445,158	1,445,158	1,433,651	(11,507)
TOTAL RECEIPTS	1,695,558	1,695,558	1,676,470	(19,088)
DISBURSEMENTS	5,972,333	5,972,333	1,433,857	4,538,476
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF RECEIPTS				
OVER DISBURSEMENTS	(4,276,775)	(4,276,775)	242,613	4,519,388
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers in	_	_	_	_
Transfers out	_	_	_	_
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING				
SOURCES (USES)				
Net Change in Fund Balance	(4,276,775)	(4,276,775)	242,613	4,519,388
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING	4,276,775	4,276,775	4,276,775	-
FUND BALANCE - ENDING	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,519,388	\$ 4,519,388

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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 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

For the Year Ended June 30, 2010

	Special Road Fund	Road/Bridge Sinking Fund	Child Support Agreement - Attorney Fund	Visitor Promotion Fund	Visitor Improvement Fund	Veterans' Aid Fund	Transportation Fund	Senior Citizen Services Fund
RECEIPTS								
Property Taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,156	\$ 10,156	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Interest	-	-	-	-	-	1,954	-	-
Intergovernmental	244	-	1,052	-	-	-	61,076	89,336
Charges for Services	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,521	77,424
Miscellaneous	71							7,994
TOTAL RECEIPTS	315		1,052	10,156	10,156	1,954	62,597	174,754
DISBURSEMENTS								
General Government	_	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Public Safety	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Public Works	250,069	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Public Assistance	-	-	-	-	-	5,000	69,412	242,830
Culture and Recreation	-	-	-	7,469	7,220	-	-	-
Debt Service:								
Principal Payments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest and Fiscal Charges	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Projects								
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	250,069			7,469	7,220	5,000	69,412	242,830
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS	(249,754)		1,052	2,687	2,936	(3,046)	(6,815)	(68,076)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) Transfers in Transfers out	249,754 -	126,962	- -	-	<u>-</u> -	- -	10,056	74,284
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	249,754	126,962					10,056	74,284
Net Change in Fund Balances FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING		126,962 384,129	1,052 39,927	2,687 1,794	2,936 2,953	(3,046) 98,164	3,241 3,040	6,208 8,964
FUND BALANCES - ENDING	\$ -	\$ 511,091	\$ 40,979	\$ 4,481	\$ 5,889	\$ 95,118	\$ 6,281	\$ 15,172 (Continued)

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

For the Year Ended June 30, 2010

	Diversion Program Fund	STOP Fund	Drug Law Enforcement Fund	Drug Testing Fund	Federal Drug Enforcement Fund	Federal Grant Fund	Federal Grant CDBG Fund	Emergency Management Fund
RECEIPTS								
Property Taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Interest	_	108	-	-	-	-	-	-
Intergovernmental	20,631	-	-	-	-	80,600	-	25,320
Charges for Services	4,519	11,025	-	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous			1,279				17,333	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	25,150	11,133	1,279			80,600	17,333	25,320
DISBURSEMENTS								
General Government	-	-	-	_	-	_	17,333	-
Public Safety	113,898	10,615	-	2,758	-	-	-	48,147
Public Works	-	-	-	-	-	64,312	-	-
Public Assistance	-	-	-	-	-	_	-	-
Culture and Recreation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Debt Service:								
Principal Payments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest and Fiscal Charges	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Projects			<u> </u>					<u> </u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	113,898	10,615		2,758	_	64,312	17,333	48,147
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF RECEIPTS								
OVER DISBURSEMENTS	(88,748)	518	1,279	(2,758)	_	16,288		(22,827)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)								
Transfers in	87,458	-	-	-	-	-	-	19,102
Transfers out								
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING						-		
SOURCES (USES)	87,458					<u> </u>		19,102
Net Change in Fund Balances	(1,290)	518	1,279	(2,758)	-	16,288	-	(3,725)
FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING	4,977	18,494	1,059	7,500	2,106			7,526
FUND BALANCES - ENDING	\$ 3,687	\$ 19,012	\$ 2,338	\$ 4,742	\$ 2,106	\$ 16,288	\$ -	\$ 3,801
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COMBINING STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN CASH BASIS FUND BALANCES NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

For the Year Ended June 30, 2010

	Correctional Center Commissary Fund	(Law nforcement Center & Bond Fund	County Building Fund	Law Enforcement & Judicial Center Construction Fund	Flood Control Projects Fund	Youth Camp Fund	E911 Emergency Services Fund	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
RECEIPTS				.					
Property Taxes	\$ -	\$	593,246	\$ 10,427	\$ -	\$ 15	\$ -	\$ 79,829	\$ 703,829
Interest	-		5,350	606	287	-	12	-	8,317
Intergovernmental	-		51,672	909	=	=	-	14,000	344,840
Charges for Services	-		-	2	-	-	-	-	94,491
Miscellaneous	85,521		1	<u>l</u>	-		10,619	1,464	124,283
TOTAL RECEIPTS	85,521		650,269	11,945	287	15	10,631	95,293	1,275,760
DISBURSEMENTS									
General Government	78,288		1,048	173,301	-	-	-	-	269,970
Public Safety	-		-	-	-	100,000	-	68,188	343,606
Public Works	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	314,381
Public Assistance	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	317,242
Culture and Recreation	-		-	=	-	-	7,306	-	21,995
Debt Service:									
Principal Payments	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest and Fiscal Charges	-		524,365	-	-	-	-	-	524,365
Capital Projects					59,171				59,171
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	78,288		525,413	173,301	59,171	100,000	7,306	68,188	1,850,730
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS	7,233		124,856	(161,356)	(58,884)	(99,985)	3,325	27,105	(574,970)
	1,233		124,630	(101,330)	(30,004)	(99,963)	3,323	27,103	(374,970)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) Transfers in				50,000					(17.616
Transfers in Transfers out	-		-	50,000	-	-	-	-	617,616
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING		-							
SOURCES (USES)				50,000		. <u> </u>			617,616
Net Change in Fund Balances FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING	7,233 2,104		124,856 216,958	(111,356) 592,654	(58,884) 68,057	(99,985) 289,038	3,325 4,068	27,105 134,737	42,646 1,888,249
	2,104	-		392,034	00,037	209,030	4,008		1,000,249
FUND BALANCES - ENDING	\$ 9,337	\$	341,814	\$ 481,298	\$ 9,173	\$ 189,053	\$ 7,393	\$ 161,842	\$ 1,930,895 (Concluded)

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BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL NONMAJOR FUNDS

For the Year Ended June 30, 2010

	Original Budget		Final Budget		Actual		Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)		
SPECIAL ROAD FUND									
RECEIPTS									
Intergovernmental	\$	75	\$	75	\$	244	\$	169	
Miscellaneous						71		71	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		75		75		315		240	
DISBURSEMENTS		294,037		294,037		250,069		43,968	
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)									
Transfers in		293,962		293,962		249,754		(44,208)	
Transfers out		-		-		-		-	
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING									
SOURCES (USES)		293,962		293,962		249,754		(44,208)	
Net Change in Fund Balance		-		-		-		-	
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING		-				-		-	
FUND BALANCE - ENDING	\$		\$		\$		\$		
ROAD/BRIDGE SINKING FUND									
RECEIPTS									
Taxes	\$	_	\$		\$	_	\$	_	
TOTAL RECEIPTS									
DISBURSEMENTS									
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)									
Transfers in		126,962		126,962		126,962		-	
Transfers out	(511,091)		(511,091)		-		511,091	
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING	-								
SOURCES (USES)	(384,129)		(384,129)		126,962		511,091	
Net Change in Fund Balance	(384,129)		(384,129)		126,962		511,091	
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING		384,129		384,129		384,129		_	
FUND BALANCE - ENDING	\$	-	\$	-	\$	511,091	\$	511,091	

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL NONMAJOR FUNDS

For the Year Ended June 30, 2010

	Original Budget		Final Budget		Actual		Fin F	iance with al Budget Positive Jegative)
CHILD SUPPORT AGREEMENT - ATTORNEY FUND								
RECEIPTS								
Intergovernmental	\$	15,000	\$	15,000	\$	1,052	\$	(13,948)
TOTAL RECEIPTS		15,000		15,000		1,052		(13,948)
DISBURSEMENTS		54,927		54,927				54,927
Net Change in Fund Balance		(39,927)		(39,927)		1,052		40,979
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING		39,927		39,927		39,927		_
FUND BALANCE - ENDING	\$		\$		\$	40,979	\$	40,979
VISITOR PROMOTION FUND RECEIPTS Taxes		8,206	\$	8,206	\$	10,156	\$	1,950
TOTAL RECEIPTS		8,206		8,206		10,156		1,950
DISBURSEMENTS		10,000		10,000		7,469		2,531
Net Change in Fund Balance		(1,794)		(1,794)		2,687		4,481
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING		1,794		1,794		1,794		
FUND BALANCE - ENDING	\$		\$	-	\$	4,481	\$	4,481
VISITOR IMPROVEMENT FUND RECEIPTS	_							
Taxes	\$	7,047	\$	7,047	\$	10,156	\$	3,109
TOTAL RECEIPTS	Ψ	7,047	Ψ	7,047	Ψ	10,156	Ψ	3,109
DISBURSEMENTS		10,000		10,000		7,220		2,780
Net Change in Fund Balance		(2,953)		(2,953)		2,936		5,889
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING FUND BALANCE - ENDING	<u>¢</u>	2,953	•	2,953	•	2,953	•	5 000
FUND DALANCE - ENDING	\$		\$		\$	5,889	\$	5,889

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL NONMAJOR FUNDS

For the Year Ended June 30, 2010

	Original Final Budget Budget				A . 1	Variance with Final Budget Positive		
VETERANS' AID FUND		Buaget		Buaget		Actual	(1)	egative)
RECEIPTS AID FUND								
Interest	\$	1,001	\$	1,001	\$	1,954	\$	953
TOTAL RECEIPTS	Ψ	1,001	Ψ	1,001	Ψ	1,954	Ψ	953
TOTAL RECEII IS		1,001		1,001		1,754		755
DISBURSEMENTS		99,165		99,165		5,000		94,165
Net Change in Fund Balance		(98,164)		(98,164)		(3,046)		95,118
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING		98,164		98,164		98,164		_
FUND BALANCE - ENDING	\$	_	\$	-	\$	95,118	\$	95,118
TRANSPORTATION FUND RECEIPTS	_	50.555	Ф	52.575	d	61.076	Ф	0.501
Intergovernmental	\$	52,575	\$	52,575	\$	61,076	\$	8,501
Charges for Services		2,000		2,000		1,521		(479)
Miscellaneous		100		100				(100)
TOTAL RECEIPTS		54,675		54,675		62,597		7,922
DISBURSEMENTS		88,356		88,356		69,412		18,944
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) Transfers in Transfers out TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)		30,641		30,641		10,056		(20,585)
Net Change in Fund Balance FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING		(3,040) 3,040		(3,040) 3,040		3,241 3,040		6,281
FUND BALANCE - ENDING	\$	-	\$	-	\$	6,281	\$	6,281

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL NONMAJOR FUNDS

For the Year Ended June 30, 2010

	Original Budget		Final Budget		Actual		Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)	
SENIOR CITIZEN SERVICES FUND	_							
RECEIPTS	Φ.	0.7.000	Φ.	0.7.000	Φ.	00.224		(= <0=)
Intergovernmental	\$	95,023	\$	95,023	\$	89,336	\$	(5,687)
Charges for Services		85,033		85,033		77,424		(7,609)
Miscellaneous		16,590		16,590		7,994		(8,596)
TOTAL RECEIPTS		196,646		196,646		174,754		(21,892)
DISBURSEMENTS		293,672		293,672		242,830		50,842
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)								
Transfers in		88,062		88,062		74,284		(13,778)
Transfers out		-		-		-		-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING								
SOURCES (USES)		88,062		88,062		74,284		(13,778)
Net Change in Fund Balance		(8,964)		(8,964)		6,208		15,172
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING		8,964		8,964		8,964		-
FUND BALANCE - ENDING	\$	-	\$	-	\$	15,172	\$	15,172
DIVERSION PROGRAM FUND								
RECEIPTS								
Intergovernmental	\$	20,631	\$	20,631	\$	20,631	\$	-
Charges for Services		6,800		6,800		4,519		(2,281)
TOTAL RECEIPTS		27,431		27,431		25,150		(2,281)
DISBURSEMENTS		118,398		118,398		113,898		4,500
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)								
Transfers in		85,990		85,990		87,458		1,468
Transfers out		-		-		-		-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING								
SOURCES (USES)		85,990		85,990		87,458		1,468
Net Change in Fund Balance		(4,977)		(4,977)		(1,290)		3,687
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING		4,977		4,977		4,977		_
FUND BALANCE - ENDING	\$	-	\$	-	\$	3,687	\$	3,687

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL NONMAJOR FUNDS

For the Year Ended June 30, 2010

	Original Budget		Final Budget		Actual		Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)	
STOP FUND								
RECEIPTS								
Interest	\$	200	\$	200	\$	108	\$	(92)
Charges for Services		15,000		15,000		11,025		(3,975)
TOTAL RECEIPTS		15,200		15,200		11,133		(4,067)
DISBURSEMENTS		33,694		33,694		10,615		23,079
Net Change in Fund Balance		(18,494)		(18,494)		518		19,012
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING		18,494		18,494		18,494		-
FUND BALANCE - ENDING	\$		\$		\$	19,012	\$	19,012
DRUG LAW ENFORCEMENT FUND RECEIPTS Miscellaneous TOTAL RECEIPTS DISBURSEMENTS Net Change in Fund Balance FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING FUND BALANCE - ENDING	\$	3,941 3,941 5,000 (1,059) 1,059	\$	3,941 3,941 5,000 (1,059) 1,059	\$	1,279 1,279 1,279 1,059 2,338	\$	(2,662) (2,662) 5,000 2,338 - 2,338
DRUG TESTING FUND RECEIPTS	_							
Charges for Services	\$	3,130	\$	3,130	\$	_	\$	(3,130)
TOTAL RECEIPTS	Ψ	3,130		3,130	Ψ		<u>Ψ</u>	(3,130)
DISBURSEMENTS		10,630		10,630		2,758		7,872
Net Change in Fund Balance		(7,500)		(7,500)		(2,758)		4,742
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING	Φ.	7,500	ф.	7,500	Ф.	7,500	Φ.	4.740
FUND BALANCE - ENDING	\$		\$		\$	4,742	\$	4,742

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL NONMAJOR FUNDS

For the Year Ended June 30, 2010

	Original Budget		Final Budget		Actual		Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)	
FEDERAL DRUG								
ENFORCEMENT FUND RECEIPTS	_							
Intergovernmental	\$	5,000	\$	5,000	\$	_	\$	(5,000)
Miscellaneous	Ψ	7,501	Ψ	7,501	Ψ	_	Ψ	(7,501)
TOTAL RECEIPTS		12,501		12,501				(12,501)
TOTAL RECEIL 15		12,301		12,301				(12,301)
DISBURSEMENTS		14,607		14,607				14,607
Net Change in Fund Balance		(2,106)		(2,106)		_		2,106
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING		2,106		2,106		2,106		
FUND BALANCE - ENDING	\$		\$		\$	2,106	\$	2,106
FEDERAL GRANT FUND	_							
RECEIPTS	ф		Φ	00.600	Φ	00.600	Ф	
Intergovernmental	\$		\$	80,600	\$	80,600	\$	
TOTAL RECEIPTS				80,600		80,600		
DISBURSEMENTS				80,600		64,312		16,288
Net Change in Fund Balance		_		_		16,288		16,288
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING		_		_		-		-
FUND BALANCE - ENDING	\$	-	\$	-	\$	16,288	\$	16,288
FEDERAL GRANT CDBG FUND								
RECEIPTS								
Miscellaneous	\$	23,831	\$	23,831	\$	17,333	\$	(6,498)
TOTAL RECEIPTS		23,831		23,831		17,333		(6,498)
DISBURSEMENTS		23,831		23,831		17,333		6,498
Net Change in Fund Balance		-		-		-		-
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING								
FUND BALANCE - ENDING	\$	-	\$	-	\$		\$	-

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL NONMAJOR FUNDS

For the Year Ended June 30, 2010

	Original Budget		Final Budget		Actual		Fir	riance with nal Budget Positive Negative)
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND	_							
RECEIPTS								
Intergovernmental	\$	226,396	\$	226,396	\$	25,320	\$	(201,076)
TOTAL RECEIPTS		226,396		226,396		25,320		(201,076)
DISBURSEMENTS		258,158		258,158		48,147		210,011
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)								
Transfers in		24,236		24,236		19,102		(5,134)
Transfers out						-		
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING								
SOURCES (USES)		24,236		24,236		19,102		(5,134)
Net Change in Fund Balance		(7,526)		(7,526)		(3,725)		3,801
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING		7,526		7,526		7,526		-
FUND BALANCE - ENDING	\$	-	\$	-	\$	3,801	\$	3,801
CORRECTIONAL CENTER COMMISSARY FUND	_							
RECEIPTS	Φ.	7.501	Φ.	07.006	Φ.	05.501	Φ.	(2.255)
Miscellaneous	\$	7,501	\$	87,896	\$	85,521	\$	(2,375)
TOTAL RECEIPTS		7,501		87,896		85,521		(2,375)
DISBURSEMENTS		5,855		86,250		78,288		7,962
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) Transfers in		-		-		-		-
Transfers out		(3,750)		(3,750)		-		3,750
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING								
SOURCES (USES)		(3,750)		(3,750)				3,750
Net Change in Fund Balance		(2,104)		(2,104)		7,233		9,337
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING		2,104		2,104		2,104		
FUND BALANCE - ENDING	\$	-	\$	-	\$	9,337	\$	9,337

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL NONMAJOR FUNDS

For the Year Ended June 30, 2010

								iance with al Budget
	Original		Final				Positive	
	Budget		Budget			Actual	(Negative)	
LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER & JAIL BOND FUND								
RECEIPTS								
Taxes	\$	577,362	\$	577,362	\$	593,246	\$	15,884
Interest		7,680		7,680		5,350		(2,330)
Intergovernmental		-		-		51,672		51,672
Miscellaneous				-		1		1
TOTAL RECEIPTS		585,042		585,042		650,269		65,227
DISBURSEMENTS		694,000		694,000		525,413		168,587
Net Change in Fund Balance		(108,958)		(108,958)		124,856		233,814
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING		216,958		216,958		216,958		-
FUND BALANCE - ENDING	\$	108,000	\$	108,000	\$	341,814	\$	233,814
COUNTY BUILDING FUND RECEIPTS	_							
Taxes	\$	10,020	\$	10,020	\$	10,427	\$	407
Interest		-		-		606		606
Intergovernmental		-		-		909		909
Charges for Services		-		-		2		2
Miscellaneous		-		-		1		1
TOTAL RECEIPTS		10,020		10,020		11,945		1,925
DISBURSEMENTS		194,217		194,217		173,301		20,916
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)								
Transfers in		50,000		50,000		50,000		-
Transfers out		(458,457)		(458,457)		-		458,457
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING								
SOURCES (USES)		(408,457)		(408,457)		50,000		458,457
Net Change in Fund Balance		(592,654)		(592,654)		(111,356)		481,298
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING		592,654		592,654		592,654		<u> </u>
FUND BALANCE - ENDING	\$	-	\$	-	\$	481,298	\$	481,298

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL NONMAJOR FUNDS

For the Year Ended June 30, 2010

		Original Budget		Final Budget		Actual	Fin I	iance with al Budget Positive Regative)
LAW ENFORCEMENT & JUDICIAL CENTER CONSTRUCTION FUND								
RECEIPTS	_							
Interest	\$		\$		\$	287	\$	287
TOTAL RECEIPTS						287		287
DISBURSEMENTS		68,057		68,057		59,171		8,886
Net Change in Fund Balance		(68,057)		(68,057)		(58,884)		9,173
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING		68,057		68,057		68,057		-
FUND BALANCE - ENDING	\$	-	\$	-	\$	9,173	\$	9,173
FLOOD CONTROL PROJECTS FUND RECEIPTS	_							
Taxes	\$	_	\$	_	\$	15	\$	15
TOTAL RECEIPTS	Ψ	-	Ψ	-	Ψ	15	Ψ	15
DISBURSEMENTS		289,038		289,038		100,000		189,038
Net Change in Fund Balance		(289,038)		(289,038)		(99,985)		189,053
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING		289,038		289,038		289,038		
FUND BALANCE - ENDING	\$		\$		\$	189,053	\$	189,053
YOUTH CAMP FUND RECEIPTS	_							
Interest	\$	10	\$	10	\$	12	\$	2
Miscellaneous	Ψ	5,214	4	5,214	4	10,619	Ψ	5,405
TOTAL RECEIPTS		5,224		5,224		10,631		5,407
DISBURSEMENTS		9,292		9,292		7,306		1,986
Net Change in Fund Balance		(4,068)		(4,068)		3,325		7,393
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING		4,068		4,068		4,068		
FUND BALANCE - ENDING	\$		\$		\$	7,393	\$	7,393

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BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL NONMAJOR FUNDS

For the Year Ended June 30, 2010

								ance with al Budget
	Original Budget		Final Budget		Actual		Positive (Negative)	
E911 EMERGENCY SERVICES FUND								
RECEIPTS	_							
Taxes	\$	75,000	\$	75,000	\$	79,829	\$	4,829
Intergovernmental		-		-		14,000		14,000
Miscellaneous		301		301		1,464		1,163
TOTAL RECEIPTS		75,301		75,301		95,293		19,992
DISBURSEMENTS		210,038		210,038		68,188		141,850
Net Change in Fund Balance		(134,737)		(134,737)		27,105		161,842
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING		134,737		134,737		134,737		-
FUND BALANCE - ENDING	\$	-	\$	-	\$	161,842	\$	161,842

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SCHEDULE OF OFFICE ACTIVITIES

For the Year Ended June 30, 2010

			Clerk of the				
	County	Register of	District	County	County	Weed	Highway
	Clerk	Deeds	Court	Sheriff	Attorney	Superintendent	Superintendent
BALANCE JULY 1, 2009	\$ 20,402	\$ 20,877	\$ 110,260	\$ 32,677	\$ 204	\$ -	\$ 100
RECEIPTS							
Property Taxes	5,885	-	-	22,442	_	-	-
Licenses and Permits	5,957	-	-	-	-	-	-
Intergovernmental	_	-	-	-	_	-	116,446
Charges for Services	33,551	120,732	33,713	148,320	-	454	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	103,483	-	-	45,467
State Fees	-	137,628	30,795	1,062	-	-	-
Other Liabilities	3,281	-	404,275	405,965	58,108	-	-
TOTAL RECEIPTS	48,674	258,360	468,783	681,272	58,108	454	161,913
DISBURSEMENTS							
Payments to County Treasurer	47,943	121,185	35,531	260,950	_	454	149,494
Payments to State Treasurer	7,844	134,515	32,889	1,050	_	-	-
Other Liabilities	-	-	408,313	422,463	57,786	-	-
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	55,787	255,700	476,733	684,463	57,786	454	149,494
BALANCE JUNE 30, 2010	\$ 13,289	\$ 23,537	\$ 102,310	\$ 29,486	\$ 526	\$ -	\$ 12,519
BALANCE CONSISTS OF:							
Due to County Treasurer	\$ 578	\$ 10,732	\$ 1,612	\$ 18,827	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,419
Petty Cash	12,500	500	200	4,400	200	-	100
Due to State Treasurer	211	12,305	1,895	101		_	
Due to Others		,5 05	98,603	6,158	326	_	-
BALANCE JUNE 30, 2010	\$ 13,289	\$ 23,537	\$ 102,310	\$ 29,486	\$ 526	\$ -	\$ 12,519
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SCHEDULE OF OFFICE ACTIVITIES

For the Year Ended June 30, 2010

	Veterans' Service Officer	Count	-	County Youth Services	1	County Planning ad Zoning	County sportation	Se	ounty enior evices	Total
BALANCE JULY 1, 2009	\$ 5,035	\$		\$ 100	\$	100	\$ 	\$	281	\$ 190,036
RECEIPTS										
Property Taxes	-		-	-		-	-		-	28,327
Licenses and Permits	-		-	-		95,170	-		-	101,127
Intergovernmental	-		-	20,631		-	59,893	8	9,336	286,306
Charges for Services	-		8	4,520		-	1,593	7	7,263	420,154
Miscellaneous	5,021		-	11,157		-	1,111		7,994	174,233
State Fees	-		-	-		-	-		-	169,485
Other Liabilities						-	-		_	871,629
TOTAL RECEIPTS	5,021		8	36,308		95,170	62,597	17	4,593	2,051,261
DISBURSEMENTS										
Payments to County Treasurer	-		8	35,770		95,170	62,597	17	4,754	983,856
Payments to State Treasurer	-		-	-		-	-		-	176,298
Other Liabilities	522		-	538		-	-		-	889,622
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	522		8	36,308		95,170	62,597	17	4,754	2,049,776
BALANCE JUNE 30, 2010	\$ 9,534	\$	<u>-</u>	\$ 100	\$	100	\$ _	\$	120	\$ 191,521
BALANCE CONSISTS OF:										
Due to County Treasurer	\$ 9,534	\$	-	\$ -	\$	-	\$ -	\$	90	\$ 53,792
Petty Cash	-		-	100		100	-		30	18,130
Due to State Treasurer	-		-	-		-	-		-	14,512
Due to Others	-		-	-		-	-		-	105,087
BALANCE JUNE 30, 2010	\$ 9,534	\$	_	\$ 100	\$	100	\$ -	\$	120	\$ 191,521
				_						(Concluded)

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	\$ 25,849,052	\$ 28,546,112	\$ 28,992,459	\$ 32,215,287	\$ 33,998,288
Personal and Specials	1,478,487	1,563,216	1,582,401	1,814,229	2,017,895
Total	27,327,539	30,109,328	30,574,860	34,029,516	36,016,183
Corrections					
Additions	43,312	155,652	568,877	603,581	382,917
Deductions	(18,905)	(15,128)	(11,330)	(12,002)	(19,341)
Net Additions/					
(Deductions)	24,407	140,524	557,547	591,579	363,576
Corrected Certified Tax	27,351,946	30,249,852	31,132,407	34,621,095	36,379,759
Net Tax Collected by					
County Treasurer during					
Fiscal Year Ending:					
June 30, 2006	15,242,858	-	-	-	-
June 30, 2007	12,047,270	16,947,897	-	-	-
June 30, 2008	29,994	13,125,085	17,074,580	-	-
June 30, 2009	16,506	36,721	12,940,603	19,143,755	-
June 30, 2010	4,884	11,976	44,648	14,335,030	20,413,156
Total Net Collections	27,341,512	30,121,679	30,059,831	33,478,785	20,413,156
Total Uncollected Tax	\$ 10,434	\$ 128,173	\$ 1,072,576	\$ 1,142,310	\$ 15,966,603
Percentage Uncollected Tax	0.04%	0.42%	3.45%	3.30%	43.89%



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SAUNDERS COUNTY

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

Board of Supervisors Saunders County, Nebraska

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Saunders County as of and for the year ended June 30, 2010, and have issued our report thereon dated April 26, 2011. The report notes the financial statements were prepared on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements and do not include the financial data of the Saunders County Hospital, a component unit of Saunders County. Except as noted above, we conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered Saunders 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 Saunders 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 and another deficiency that we consider to be a significant deficiency.

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.

A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance. We consider the following deficiency in the County's internal control to be a significant deficiency:

• The County had a lack of good controls over the procedures to reimburse County officials for expenses. The County Attorney submitted and was paid on duplicate amounts and items returned, resulting in several overpayments. Furthermore, the tracking of all items purchased was not documented to ensure their accountability.

County's Response: Appropriate policies are being drawn up for adoption by the County Board to be in place for all offices in regard to future purchases such as, all receipts attached to the claims must be the original, multiple purchases must be explained for approval prior to purchase, and the County Board will scrutinize all claims much closer.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Saunders 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 Saunders County in a separate letter dated April 26, 2011.

Saunders County's response to the findings identified in our audit are described above. We did not audit Saunders County's response and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

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.

Signed Original on File

Deann Haeffner, CPA Assistant Deputy Auditor

April 26, 2011



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April 26, 2011

Board of Supervisors Saunders County, Nebraska

Dear Supervisors:

We have audited the basic financial statements of Saunders County (County) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2010, and have issued our report thereon dated April 26, 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 ATTORNEY

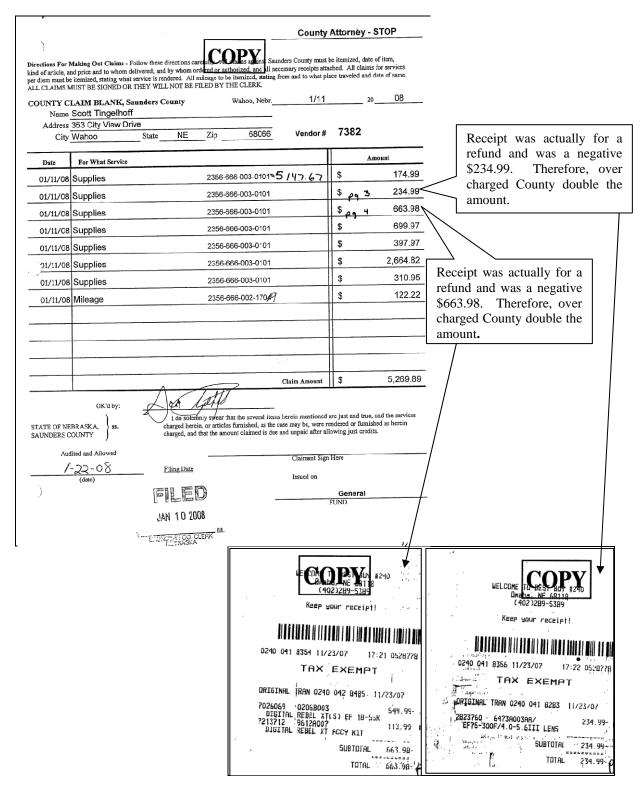
Reimbursement Claims

During our audit, we examined claims submitted by the County Attorney for personal reimbursement between January 1, 2007, and December 31, 2010. Nine (9) claims for reimbursement which were prepared, signed, and submitted by the County Attorney <u>all</u> had discrepancies and in <u>every</u> instance the discrepancy resulted in an over-reimbursement to him. The total over-reimbursement to him for these 9 claims was \$4,944. The summary of the personal benefit to the County Attorney follows:

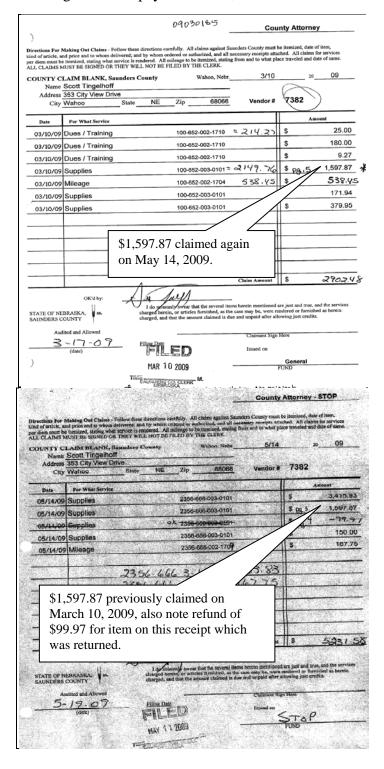
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January 11, 2008	\$	1,798
May 14, 2009	\$	1,498
February 12, 2010	\$	126
October 10, 2008	\$	21
May 19, 2008	\$	105
October 10, 2008	\$	20
January 11, 2008	\$	76
January 11, 2008	\$	20
May 19, 2008	\$	61
December 11, 2008	\$	57
December 11, 2008	\$	90
March 10, 2009	\$	235
May 14, 2009	\$	608
August 4, 2009	\$	95
February 12, 2010	\$	135
Total	\$	4,944

These resulted from the following:

• A claim dated January 11, 2008, included two receipts from Best Buy for the return of items previously purchased and claimed, totaling a negative \$899. Instead of being credited, these return receipts were added to the total amount of the claim, resulting in an overpayment of \$1,798 to the County Attorney personally.



- Three receipts totaling \$1,645 were claimed and reimbursed twice, resulting in duplicate reimbursement personally to the County Attorney:
 - o Best Buy receipt dated February 27, 2009, for \$1,597.87 was claimed on March 10, 2009, from the General Fund and also on May 14, 2009, from the STOP Fund. The May 14, 2009, claim included a return receipt for a negative \$99.97 leaving a net overpayment of \$1,498.



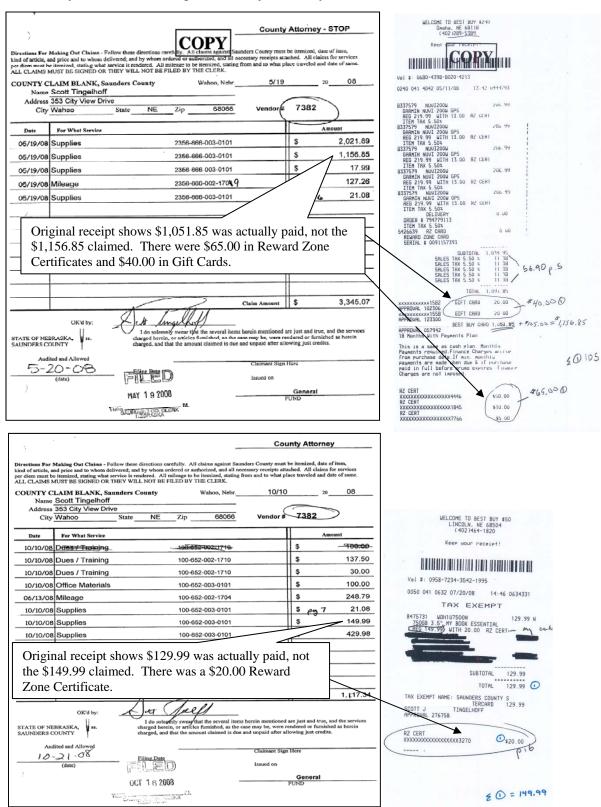
o Alltel phone bill receipt for \$126 dated October 26, 2009, was claimed on November 4, 2009, and again on February 12, 2010.

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• Gift cards and reward cards were used to purchase items from Best Buy; however, the claim to the County Board was increased by \$125. It appears the reward cards were earned based on the purchase of other items for the County. Thus, this resulted in the County over-reimbursing the County Attorney \$125.

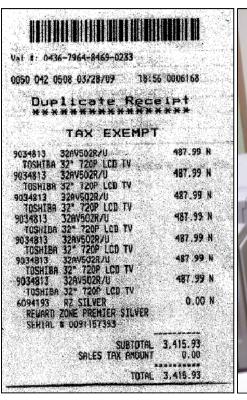


- Some of the receipts submitted for reimbursement by the County Attorney included Nebraska sales tax. Purchases made by the County, within Nebraska, are tax exempt. This resulted in the County incurring the expense of \$107 in sales tax that it should not have.
 - o Best Buy receipt dated May 11, 2008, included sales tax of \$57.
 - o Nebraska Supreme Court receipt from August 4, 2009, for the purchase of State statute books included sales tax of \$50.
- Numerous claims were submitted to the County Board for reimbursement by the County
 Attorney and his office without the actual original receipt attached. Only a photocopy of
 a receipt was attached except in at least three instances where no receipts were attached
 to the claims submitted.
- Several items purchased by the County Attorney were not included on the County Attorney's fixed asset inventory list and no documentation was available to support that the items were transferred to another department or entity. They included the following:

Claim Date	Receipt Date	Vendor	Item	Amount		
6/19/2007	No Date	Best Buy	Widescreen Projector	\$ 1,324.99		
9/18/2007	6/8/2007	Best Buy	Toshiba Laptop	\$ 709.99		
9/18/2007	6/22/2007	Best Buy	2 -2.5" Passport Portables, 1 card	\$ 421.97		
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1/22/2008	1/5/2008	Best Buy	3 External Camera Flashes	\$ 271.25		
1/22/2008	9/20/2007	Best Buy				
1/22/2008	11/23/2007	Best Buy	DVD Player / VCR Combo	\$ 99.99		
1/22/2008	11/23/2007	Best Buy	Camera, Camera Lens & Accessory Kit	\$ 699.97		
1/22/2008	11/23/2007	Best Buy	Camcorder, Camera Lens, Camera,	\$ 2,664.82		
		-	DVD Recorder, Accessory Kit			
5/16/2008	5/11/2008	Best Buy	9 GPSs**, 1 mount, 1 carrying case	\$ 2,021.89		
5/16/2008	5/11/2008	Best Buy	5 GPSs**	\$ 1,091.85		
7/22/2008	7/1/2008	HP Home & Home Office	4 HP LaserJet Printers	\$ 1,899.96		
		Store				
10/21/2008	7/20/2008	Best Buy	3.5" My Book Essential	\$ 129.99		
10/21/2008	7/20/2008	Best Buy	3.5" My Book Essential, 22" LCD	\$ 429.98		
			Monitor			
12/16/2008	10/25/2008	Best Buy	DVD Combo Recorder	\$ 179.99		
12/16/2008	11/28/2008	Best Buy	My Book Home Edition	\$ 149.99		
12/16/2008	10/23/2008	HP	HP Color LaserJet	\$ 765.00		
1/20/2009	1/5/2009	HP Home & Home Office	HP LaserJet Printer	\$ 1,249.95		
		Store				
3/17/2009	3/7/2009	Best Buy	3 Sets of Speakers	\$ 269.97		
5/19/2009	3/28/2009	Best Buy	7 LCD TVs	\$ 3,415.93		
8/18/2009	6/26/2009	Best Buy	2 Computers	\$ 979.93		
2/16/2010	2/11/2010	ISSI Business Solutions	VHS Degausser	\$ 133.00		
2/16/2010	11/27/2009	Best Buy	2 -My Passport Elite	\$ 159.98		
2/16/2010	No Date	Bass Pro Shops	GPS**	\$ 219.94		
5/18/2010	4/15/2010	Best Buy	2 Sets of Speakers	\$ 199.98		
9/21/2010	8/19/2010	Best Buy	Notebook Computer	\$ 679.99		

Subsequent to notifying the County Attorney of this issue, on April 8, 2011, the County Attorney supplied the APA with information regarding the location of several of the above items and indicated some of them had been turned over to the County Sheriff. The APA did confirm with the County Sheriff that twelve of the GPSs noted above with ** were in his office's possession. The APA also confirmed one of the GPSs noted above with ** was in the possession of the State Patrol, allegedly leaving two in the possession of the County Attorney.

• Seven LCD televisions (TVs) were purchased by the County Attorney on March 28, 2009, for \$487.99 each, totaling \$3,415.93. Upon the Auditor of Public Accounts (APA) attempting to verify the location of the TVs, as of March 8, 2011, the County Attorney indicated six of the TVs were still located in their original boxes in the County Attorney's office and had not been used since they were purchased almost two years ago. There was one TV sitting on a desk, which the County Attorney claimed was one of the seven purchased; however, the APA subsequently discovered that one of the TVs was actually returned to Best Buy, see more information below. On April 14, 2011, the APA visited the County Attorney's office again and examined the six boxes and noted that one of the six boxes was actually empty. The County Attorney then indicated that one TV was in his investigators office; however, upon observing the office and visiting with the investigator it was noted that he did not have a TV in his office nor had any TV been in his office at any time. When the County Attorney was informed that the APA had confirmed one TV was returned to Best Buy, he indicated he did not remember returning it.





This box was empty.

• The County Attorney submitted claims for reimbursement of purchases made at Best Buy totaling \$23,328, during the period January 1, 2007, to December 31, 2010. This was based on copies of receipts attached to the claims. To confirm the validity of those receipts, the APA contacted Best Buy to verify the purchases and returns related to those receipts. As a result, the APA was provided with numerous return receipts for items, totaling \$1,376, that had been submitted to the County and reimbursed to the County Attorney. No documentation was on file to indicate the County Attorney reimbursed the County for any of these additional returns.

Items purchased, claimed, and returned to the vendor include:

Receipt Date	County Claim Date	Returned Date	Claim Amount	 eturned mount	Description
11/23/2007	1/11/2008	12/31/2007	\$2,664.82	\$ 75.95	Camera accessories
1/5/2008	1/11/2008	1/19/2008	\$ 310.95	\$ 19.68	Camera lens case
5/11/2008	5/19/2008	5/15/2008	\$1,156.85	\$ 60.99	Price match on 5 GPSs
10/25/2008	12/11/2008	12/12/2008	\$ 258.96	\$ 56.98	DVD and CD Cases
11/28/2008	12/11/2008	12/28/2008	\$ 285.93	\$ 89.97	3 computer mice
3/7/2009	3/10/2009	4/16/2009	\$ 379.95	\$ 234.97	2 sets of speakers and computer camera
3/28/2009	5/14/2009	4/16/2009	\$3,415.93	\$ 607.99	Price match on 7 LCD TVs for \$140 on
		4/19/2009			4/16/09 and subsequent return of 1 LCD
					TV for \$467.99
7/18/2009	8/4/2009	8/22/2009	\$ 94.98	\$ 94.98	2 computer mice
12/26/2009	2/12/2010	1/18/2010	\$ 236.94	\$ 134.97	3 8GB SD Cards

\$1,376.48 Total amount overpaid by the County

Good internal controls require the County Attorney to complete accurate, appropriate reviews of claims prior to submission to the County Board. Adequate procedures should be in place, including a review of original supporting documents, to ensure claims are accurate, reasonable, and allowable. If items are returned for a refund, the County should be reimbursed for the full refunded amount. Furthermore, good internal controls should be in place to appropriately account for purchased items, either as an addition to the fixed asset inventory form or documentation to support the distribution of items to other departments or entities. Without proper internal controls and documentation, there is an increased risk for loss, theft, or misuse of funds.

Duplicate submission of receipts and claims for monies that were refunded, along with the other findings presented herein, could give rise to the following statutory concerns:

- Neb. Rev. Stat. § 23-135.01 (Reissue 2007) states, "Whoever shall file any claim against any county as provided in section 23-135, knowing said claim to contain any false statement or representation as to a material fact or whoever shall obtain or receive any money or any warrant for money from any county knowing that the claim therefore was based on a false statement or representation as to a material fact, if the amount claimed or money obtained or received, or if the face value of the warrant for money shall be one thousand dollars or more shall be guilty of a Class IV felony. If the amount is more than one hundred dollars but less than one thousand dollars, the person so offending shall be guilty of a Class II misdemeanor. If the amount is less than one hundred dollars, the person so offending shall be guilty of a Class III misdemeanor."
- Neb. Rev. Stat. § 49-14,101.01 (Reissue 2010) states, "(1) A public official or public employee shall not use or authorize the use of his or her public office or any confidential information received through the holding of a public office to obtain financial gain, other than compensation provided by law, for himself or herself, a member of his or her immediate family, or a business with which the individual is associated. (2) A public official or public employee shall not use or authorize the use of personnel, resources, property, or funds under his or her official care and control other than in accordance with

prescribed constitutional, statutory, and regulatory procedures or use such items, other than compensation provided by law, for personal financial gain....(7) Except as provided in section 23-3113, any person violating this section shall be guilty of a Class III misdemeanor, except that no vote by any member of the Legislature shall subject such member to any criminal sanction under this section."

- Neb. Rev. Stat. § 23-347 (Reissue 2007) states, "Within two calendar months after the close of each fiscal year, each county officer shall make, acknowledge under oath, and file with the county board of his or her county an inventory statement of all county personal property in the custody and possession of said county officer. The county board in each county shall examine into each inventory statement so filed, and, if said statement is correct and proper in every particular, the county board shall deliver each of said inventory statements to the clerk of the county for filing as a public record in said county clerk's office in a manner convenient for reference."
- Neb. Rev. Stat. § 23-1201(2) (Reissue 2007) states, in part, "...The county attorney shall file the annual inventory statement with the county board of county personal property in his or her possession as provided in sections 23-346 to 23-350. It shall be the further duty of the county attorney of each county, within three days from the calling to his or her attention of any violation of the requirements of the law concerning annual inventory statements from county officers, to institute proceedings against such offending officer and in addition thereto to prosecute the appropriate action to remove such county officer from office. When it is the county attorney who is charged with failure to comply with this section, the Attorney General of Nebraska may bring the action."
- Neb. Rev. Stat. § 23-350 (Reissue 2007) states, "Any county officer, including any member of any county board, who shall fail to file such inventory statements or who shall willfully make any false or incorrect statement therein, or who shall aid, abet, or connive in the making of any false or incorrect statement therein shall be guilty of a Class III misdemeanor. As part of the judgment of conviction, the court may decree such officer guilty of malfeasance in office for a palpable omission of duty and subject to removal under section 28-924."
- Neb. Rev. Stat. § 28-924 (Reissue 2008) states, "(1) A public servant commits official misconduct if he knowingly violates any statute or lawfully adopted rule or regulation relating to his official duties. (2) Official misconduct is a Class II misdemeanor."

We recommend the County Attorney immediately repay the County for the over-reimbursed amount of \$4,944. We further recommend the County Attorney implement procedures to ensure claims are appropriate and accurate prior to submission to the County Board. All claims submitted for reimbursement should include the original receipts, and any refunds received should be immediately repaid to the County. Procedures should also be established to prevent payment of Nebraska sales tax on County purchases. All purchased items should be added to the office fixed asset inventory, in accordance with the County's policy, on a

timely basis, or documentation should be maintained to support where items have been distributed. Furthermore, purchases should only be made when necessary and needed by the office. It is not fiscally responsible to purchase large items, such as the six TVs, and not have used them for two years. Finally, this information will be forwarded to the Attorney General and the Accountability and Disclosure Commission for any action they deem appropriate.

Additional APA Information Subsequent To Draft: After being notified of the information contained in this report, the County Attorney subsequently remitted three checks to the County Treasurer. The checks were receipted on April 14, 2011 for \$125.81, \$3,401.92, and \$1,416.27; totaling \$4,944.00.

County Attorney's Response: The opportunity to update and revise the procedures within the office in order to provide better and more accurate internal controls over certain processes with the recommendations as described in the initial audit report is appreciated. It should be noted that after a review was conducted, it was found that none of the errors reported occurred knowingly or as a result of any intentional act, but rather through the lack of adequate internal control methods and procedures. All errors that were discovered have been fully and completely corrected and procedures have already been implemented in order to ensure that appropriate and accurate submissions of claims and inventory records occur.

The above response has been limited to one paragraph pursuant to the state auditor's rules. There is a more complete and detailed response available.

APA Response: The APA has reviewed both the summary and detailed responses provided by the County Attorney. Per Government Auditing Standards, his summary response is included with this management letter. The County Attorney is free to publish a more detailed response of any length on his own. We feel it is important to disclose that although documentation to support who actually prepared the claims was undetermined, all of the claims in question were for personal reimbursement to the County Attorney and all were signed by the County Attorney. Additionally, when the County Attorney was first questioned by the APA, he stated that he personally prepared most, if not all, of his own reimbursement claims. It was only after the above information was disclosed, that he indicated the individual who prepared the claims was unable to be determined. In his detailed response, the County Attorney responded that three of the six televisions were being used by the County and District Courts. The APA confirmed that three of the televisions were only moved into the Courts after April 14, 2011 - the date he was questioned about them and the date he was provided the draft report for his response. Finally, in the County Attorney's detailed response, he discloses additional errors which involved refunds and credits of claims involving other entities; thus indicating procedures were not in place to prevent such errors. However, the APA notes that in all of these instances, the credits and refunds were timely noted and corrected by the individuals receiving the overpayment. However, with the County Attorney's claims noted above, nothing was refunded or credited until the APA brought it to his attention.

COUNTY BOARD

Claim Process

During our audit, we noted claims approved for duplicate payments and negative amounts. These claims were supported with copies of invoices and receipts instead of original receipts. See comment titled Reimbursement Claims for detailed information on these claims.

Neb. Rev. Stat. § 23-109 (Reissue 2007) states, "the county board shall have power to examine and settle all accounts against the county and all accounts concerning the receipts and expenditures of the county." When adequate procedures are not in place to ensure claims are correct and accurate, there is an increased risk of loss or misuse of funds.

We recommend procedures be established, including a review of original supporting documents, and followed by the County Board prior to payment to ensure claims are accurate, reasonable, and allowable. We further recommend such procedures include a requirement that claims be supported by original receipts, not copies.

County Board's Response: Appropriate policies are being drawn up for adoption by the County Board to be in place for all offices in regard to future purchases such as, all receipts attached to the claims must be the original, multiple purchases must be explained for approval prior to purchase, and the County Board will scrutinize all claims much closer.

Imprest Account Reconciliations

Good internal controls and sound accounting practice requires bank accounts be reconciled to book balances at the end of each month and any variances noted be identified and corrected in a timely manner.

During our review, we noted the monthly reconciliations between the imprest vendor/payroll bank account and the book balance noted unidentified variances. At June 30, 2010, an unidentified variance of \$86 was noted. This comment was noted in the prior year audit. When variances cannot be identified, there is an increased risk of the loss or misuse of County funds.

We recommend the County identify variances noted in the reconciliation between the imprest bank account balance and the book balance each month and review and correct variances noted in a timely manner.

County Clerk's Response: The County Clerk's office has implemented a second reconciliation process for reconciling the Imprest Account each month. The accounting program that is used from MIPS allows for checks to be marked returned and then an "Outstanding Check Report" can be generated. This report will be used in conjunction with the manual process/report that is currently done; by doing this extra reconciliation, I hope to eliminate possible human error by transposing numbers.

Publication of Board Minutes

Neb. Rev. Stat. § 23-122 (Reissue 2007) requires the County Board publish the proceedings of all County Board minutes within ten working days of the meeting date.

For 5 of 10 meeting minutes tested, County Board minutes were not published within 10 working days of the meeting, publication dates ranged from 12 to 22 days after the meeting date. When County Board minutes are not published timely, the County is not in compliance with State statute and the public is not made aware of proceedings in a timely manner.

We recommend the County Board implement procedures to ensure all minutes are published as required by State statute.

REGISTER OF DEEDS

Cash Refunds

Good internal control requires refunds be made in check format to document the refund went to the correct individual or entity.

We continue to note the Register of Deeds refunds overpayments to individuals and entities with cash. These refunds are made via the postal system. We noted \$200 was withdrawn from the checking account to make refunds during the fiscal year. Issuing cash refunds increases the risk of loss, theft, or misuse of County funds.

We continue to strongly recommend the Register of Deeds issue checks when refunding money via the postal system.

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. Good internal control requires all checks received be immediately receipted.

On June 30, 2010, the County Sheriff's office assets were short office liabilities by \$72. In addition, advance fees are receipted only after service has been provided, not when received. During our cash count on January 27, 2011, we noted 11 checks, totaling \$739, had not yet been receipted. A similar comment was noted in our prior year report.

Without proper internal controls, there is an increased risk for loss, theft, or misuse of funds.

We recommend the County Sheriff implement procedures to balance assets to liabilities and to ensure all monies received are immediately receipted.

COUNTY TREASURER

Tax Reconciliations

Good internal controls require reconciliations be performed to ensure the total taxes certified by the County Assessor are correctly collected and posted to the correct tax year.

During our audit we noted the County Treasurer does not perform a periodic reconciliation of overall taxes collected by tax year to the original certified tax amount, insuring the amount of taxes remaining uncollected is accurate. When reconciliations are not performed regularly, there is an increased risk an error would go undetected.

We recommend the County Treasurer periodically perform a reconciliation of taxes collected to the certified tax amount and follow up on any discrepancies noted.

County Treasurer's Response: We are currently working with MIPS, the computer software provider, and the State Assessor and have been since the auditors were here. It is a problem as neither use the same system for certification.

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.

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. All formal responses received have been incorporated into this report. Where no response has been included, the County declined to respond. Responses have been objectively evaluated and recognized, as appropriate, in the report. Responses that indicate corrective action has been taken were not verified at this time, but will be verified in the next audit.

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,

Signed Original on File

Deann Haeffner, CPA Assistant Deputy Auditor