# ATTESTATION REPORT OF LINCOLN COUNTY COURT

**JULY 1, 2010 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2011** 

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#### LINCOLN COUNTY COURT

#### INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

We have examined the accompanying Schedule of Changes in Assets and Liabilities Arising from Cash Transactions of Lincoln County Court as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011. The County Court's management is responsible for the Schedule. Our responsibility is to express an opinion based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and the standards applicable to attestation engagements contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States and, accordingly, included examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the Schedule and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our examination provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the Schedule referred to above presents, in all material respects, the assets and liabilities arising from cash transactions of the Agency Funds of Lincoln County Court as of June 30, 2011, and the related activity for the fiscal year then ended, based on the accounting system and procedures prescribed by the Nebraska Supreme Court as described in Note 1.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we are required to report findings of deficiencies in internal control, violations of provisions of contracts or grant agreements, and abuse that are material to the Schedule and any fraud and illegal acts that are more than inconsequential that come to our attention during our examination. We performed our examination to express an opinion on whether the Schedule is presented in accordance with the criteria described above and not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the internal control over the Schedule or on compliance and other matters; accordingly we express no such opinions. Our examination disclosed no findings that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, the Supreme Court, others within the County Court, and the appropriate Federal and regulatory agencies. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

SIGNED ORIGINAL ON FILE

May 8, 2012

Don Dunlap, CPA Assistant Deputy Auditor

# LINCOLN COUNTY COURT

# NORTH PLATTE, NEBRASKA

## SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN ASSETS AND LIABILITIES ARISING FROM CASH TRANSACTIONS AGENCY FUNDS

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2011

	Balance				Balance			
	Ju	ly 1, 2010		Additions	Deductions		June 30, 2011	
ASSETS								
Cash and Deposits	\$	263,885	\$	2,385,100	\$	2,253,188	\$	395,797
Cash and Deposits	Ψ	203,003	Ψ	2,363,100	Ψ	2,233,100	Ψ	373,171
LIABILITIES								
Due to State Treasurer:								
Regular Fees	\$	25,469	\$	298,304	\$	297,830	\$	25,943
Law Enforcement Fees		2,436		27,936		27,843		2,529
State Judges Retirement Fund		8,682		95,958		96,037		8,603
Court Administrative Fees		16,212		183,363		184,095		15,480
Legal Services Fees		9,284		100,080		100,332		9,032
Due to County Treasurer:								
Regular Fines		45,259		505,355		511,654		38,960
Overload Fines		11,296		197,207		190,780		17,723
Regular Fees		3,356		38,956		39,199		3,113
Petty Cash Fund		50		-		-		50
Due to Municipalities:								
Regular Fines		1,627		15,651		16,112		1,166
Regular Fees		493		4,439		4,414		518
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Trust Fund Payable		139,721		917,851		784,892		272,680
Total Liabilities	\$	263,885	\$	2,385,100	\$	2,253,188	\$	395,797

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the schedule.

# LINCOLN COUNTY COURT NOTES TO FINANCIAL SCHEDULE

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2011

#### 1. <u>Criteria</u>

#### A. Reporting Entity

The Lincoln County Court is established by State statute and is administratively operated through the Court Administrator's Office of the Nebraska Supreme Court, which is part of the State of Nebraska reporting entity. The Schedule of Changes in Assets and Liabilities Arising from Cash Transactions of the County Court reflect only the Agency Funds activity of the County Court; the receipts, and their subsequent disbursement to the appropriate entities for which they were collected. The Schedule does not reflect the personal services expenses of the County Court, which are paid by the Nebraska Supreme Court, or the operating expenses, which are paid by Lincoln County.

#### **B.** Basis of Accounting

The accounting records of the County Court Agency Funds are maintained, and the Schedule of Changes in Assets and Liabilities Arising from Cash Transactions have been prepared, based on the accounting system and procedures prescribed by the Nebraska Supreme Court. Under this system of accounting, fines, fees, and receipts relating to trust funds are shown as additions to assets and as an increase in the related liability when received. Likewise, disbursements are shown as deductions to assets and a decrease in the related liability when a check is written.

#### 2. Deposits and Investments

Funds held by the County Court are deposited and invested in accordance with rules issued by the Supreme Court as directed by Neb. Rev. Stat. § 25-2713 (Reissue 2008). Funds are generally consolidated in an interest-bearing checking account; however, the County Court may order certain trust funds to be invested separately. Any deposits in excess of the amount insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation are required by Neb. Rev. Stat. § 77-2326.04 (Reissue 2009) to be secured either by a surety bond or as provided in the Public Funds Deposit Security Act.