# AUDIT REPORT OF BUTLER COUNTY

# JULY 1, 2013 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2014

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# LIST OF COUNTY OFFICIALS

At June 30, 2014

Name	Title	Term Expires
David Mach	Board of Supervisors	Jan. 2015
Kevin Slama		Jan. 2015
William Kozisek		Jan. 2015
Irvin Cidlik		Jan. 2015
Gregory Janak		Jan. 2017
Tony Krafka		Jan. 2017
Max Birkel		Jan. 2017
Vickie Donoghue	Assessor	Jan. 2015
Julie Reiter	Attorney	Jan. 2015
Vicki Truksa	Clerk Election Commissioner Register of Deeds	Jan. 2015
Nancy Prochaska	Clerk of the District Court	Jan. 2015
Mark Hecker	Sheriff	Jan. 2015
Karey Adamy	Treasurer	Jan. 2015
Dean Kriz	Veterans' Service Officer	Appointed
Max Birkel	Weed Superintendent	Appointed
Jim Truksa	Highway Superintendent	Appointed



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# BUTLER COUNTY

# **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

Board of Supervisors Butler County, Nebraska

# **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying cash-basis financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Butler County, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the basic financial statements of the County's primary government, as listed in the table of contents.

# Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the cash basis of accounting described in Note 1. This includes determining that the cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statements in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

# Auditor's Responsibility

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 from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the County's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used, and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinions.

# **Summary of Opinions**

Opinion Unit	<b>Type of Opinion</b>
Governmental Activities	Unmodified
Discretely Presented Component Unit	Adverse
Major Funds	Unmodified
Aggregate Remaining Fund Information	Unmodified

### **Basis for Adverse Opinion on the Discretely Presented Component Unit**

The financial statements do not include financial data for the County's legally separate component unit. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require the financial data for that component unit to be reported with the financial data of the County's primary government unless the County also issues financial statements for the financial reporting entity that include the financial data for its component units. The County has not issued such reporting entity financial statements. The amount by which this departure would affect the assets, net position, receipts, and disbursements of the government-wide financial statements has not been determined.

# **Adverse Opinion**

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the "Basis for Adverse Opinion on the Discretely Presented Component Unit" paragraph, the financial statements referred to above do not present fairly the financial position of the discretely presented component unit of Butler County, as of June 30, 2014, or the change in financial position thereof for the year ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

# **Unmodified Opinions**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to previously present fairly, in all material respects, the respective cash-basis financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and aggregate remaining fund information of Butler County, as of June 30, 2014, and the respective changes in cash-basis financial position for the year then ended in conformity with the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

### **Report on Supplementary Information**

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements as a whole, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements. The combining nonmajor fund financial statement, 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.

The combining nonmajor fund financial statement, budgetary comparison information, schedule of office activity, and schedule of taxes certified and collected, Pages 21 - 36, are the responsibility of management and were derived from, and relate directly to, the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

### **Basis of Accounting**

We draw attention to Note 1 of the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared on the cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinions are not modified with respect to this matter.

# Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated February 25, 2015, on our consideration of Butler 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 considering Butler County's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Dear Haffer CPA

Deann Haeffner, CPA Assistant Deputy Auditor Lincoln, Nebraska

February 25, 2015

# BUTLER COUNTY STATEMENT OF NET POSITION - CASH BASIS

June 30, 2014

	Governmental Activities			
ASSETS				
Cash and Cash Equivalents (Note 1.D)	\$	1,793,004		
Investments (Note 1.D)		5,185,745		
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 6,978,749			
<b>NET POSITION</b> Restricted for:				
Visitor Promotion	\$	19,614		
911 Emergency Services	φ	19,014 56,720		
Drug Education		462		
Aid and Assistance		9,672		
Preservation of Records		8,909		
Debt Service		363,863		
Bridge/Road Projects		136,902		
Child Support Enforcement		25,504		
Unrestricted		6,357,103		
TOTAL NET POSITION	\$	6,978,749		

# BUTLER COUNTY STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES - CASH BASIS

For the Year Ended June 30, 2014

		Program C	ash Receipts	Net (Disbursement)
		Fees, Fines,	Operating	Receipts and
	Cash	and Charges	Grants and	Changes in
Functions:	Disbursements	for Services	Contributions	Net Position
<b>Governmental Activities:</b>				
General Government	\$ (1,847,968)	\$ 384,120	\$ 61,320	\$ (1,402,528)
Public Safety	(2,111,673)	38,395	69,518	(2,003,760)
Public Works	(2,566,181)	317	1,480,255	(1,085,609)
Public Assistance	(316,985)	49,910	79,789	(187,286)
Culture and Recreation	(360)	-	491	131
Debt Payments	(235,907)	-	-	(235,907)
Capital Outlay	(8,153)		-	(8,153)
Total Governmental Activities	\$ (7,087,227)	\$ 472,742	\$ 1,691,373	(4,923,112)

General Receipts:	
Property Taxes	4,704,207
Grants and Contributions Not Restricted to	
Specific Programs	1,381,664
Investment Income	12,396
Licenses and Permits	31,180
Miscellaneous	 75,521
Total General Receipts	6,204,968
Increase in Net Position	1,281,856
Net Position - Beginning of year	5,696,893
Net Position - End of year	\$ 6,978,749

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

June 30, 2014

	General Fund	Road Fund	Inheritance Fund	Special Road Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS						
Cash and Cash Equivalents (Note 1.D)	\$ 615,027	\$ 723,635	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 454,342	\$ 1,793,004
Investments (Note 1.D)	381,167	300,000	2,792,455	1,153,332	558,791	5,185,745
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 996,194	\$ 1,023,635	\$ 2,792,455	\$ 1,153,332	\$ 1,013,133	\$ 6,978,749
FUND BALANCES						
Restricted for:						
Visitor Promotion	-	-	-	-	19,614	19,614
911 Emergency Services	-	-	-	-	56,720	56,720
Drug Education	-	-	-	-	462	462
Aid and Assistance	-	-	-	-	9,672	9,672
Preservation of Records	-	-	-	-	8,909	8,909
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	363,863	363,863
Bridge/Road Projects	-	-	-	-	136,902	136,902
Child Support Enforcement	-	-	-	-	25,504	25,504
Committed to:						
Law Enforcement	-	-	-	-	10,492	10,492
Road Maintenance	-	1,023,635	-	1,153,332	-	2,176,967
Aid and Assistance	-	-	-	-	348,525	348,525
Equipment	-	-	-	-	12,000	12,000
Weed Control	-	-	-	-	20,470	20,470
Assigned to:						
Other Purposes	-	-	2,792,455	-	-	2,792,455
Unassigned	996,194	-	-	-	-	996,194
TOTAL CASH BASIS FUND BALANCES	\$ 996,194	\$ 1,023,635	\$ 2,792,455	\$ 1,153,332	\$ 1,013,133	\$ 6,978,749

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

For the Year Ended June 30, 2014

					Other	Total	
			Inheritance	Special Road	Governmental	Governmental	
	General Fund	Road Fund	Fund	Fund	Funds	Funds	
RECEIPTS							
Property Taxes	\$ 3,331,555	\$ -	\$ 1,019,317	\$ -	\$ 353,335	\$ 4,704,207	
Licenses and Permits	31,080	100	-	-	-	31,180	
Interest	7,478	-	-	-	4,918	12,396	
Intergovernmental	746,334	2,048,472	-	3,815	274,416	3,073,037	
Charges for Services	415,775	-	-	-	56,967	472,742	
Miscellaneous	9,546	39,465	-	-	26,510	75,521	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	4,541,768	2,088,037	1,019,317	3,815	716,146	8,369,083	
DISBURSEMENTS							
General Government	1,709,067	-	137,377	-	1,524	1,847,968	
Public Safety	1,646,675	-	-	-	464,998	2,111,673	
Public Works	66,008	2,455,210	-	-	44,963	2,566,181	
Public Assistance	126,998	-	-	-	189,987	316,985	
Culture and Recreation	-	-	-	-	360	360	
Debt Service:							
Principal Payments	-	-	-	-	185,000	185,000	
Interest and Fiscal Charges	-	-	-	-	50,907	50,907	
Capital Outlay	-	-	-	-	8,153	8,153	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	3,548,748	2,455,210	137,377		945,892	7,087,227	
EVCERS (DEFICIENCY) OF DECENT							
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF RECEIPT		(2(7, 172))	991 040	2.915	(220.74c)	1 201 050	
OVER DISBURSEMENTS	993,020	(367,173)	881,940	3,815	(229,746)	1,281,856	
OTHER FINANCING							
SOURCES (USES)							
Transfers in	200,000	940,486	-	100,000	376,195	1,616,681	
Transfers out	(1,266,681)	(100,000)	(200,000)	-	(50,000)	(1,616,681)	
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING							
SOURCES (USES)	(1,066,681)	840,486	(200,000)	100,000	326,195		
Net Change in Fund Balances	(73,661)	473,313	681,940	103,815	96,449	1,281,856	
CASH BASIS FUND	(75,001)	175,515	001,910	105,015	90,119	1,201,000	
BALANCES - BEGINNING	1,069,855	550,322	2,110,515	1,049,517	916,684	5,696,893	
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CASH BASIS FUND							
BALANCES - ENDING	\$ 996,194	\$ 1,023,635	\$ 2,792,455	\$ 1,153,332	\$ 1,013,133	\$ 6,978,749	

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

June 30, 2014

	Agency Funds			
ASSETS				
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	551,876		
LIABILITIES				
Due to other governments				
State		207,085		
Schools		189,098		
Educational Service Units		1,880		
Technical College		14,112		
Natural Resource Districts		5,182		
Fire Districts		4,944		
Municipalities		28,191		
Agricultural Society		1,245		
Townships		10,507		
Sanitary and Improvement Districts		26,500		
Others		63,132		
TOTAL LIABILITIES		551,876		
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$			

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2014

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

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

## A. Reporting Entity

Butler 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 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, as well as other organizations that are either fiscally dependent on the County or maintain a significant relationship with the County, such that exclusion would be misleading or incomplete. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. These criteria include appointing a voting majority of an organization, or (2) the potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to, or impose specific financial burdens on, the County.

**Component Unit.** These financial statements present the County (the primary government). The Butler County Health Care Center (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 Department of Health and Human Services 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. Region V (Region) consists of the following counties: Polk, Butler, Saunders, Seward, Lancaster, Otoe, Fillmore, Saline, Thayer, Jefferson, Gage, Johnson, Nemaha, Pawnee, York, and Richardson.

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

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

The governing board for the Region includes representatives from the participating county boards. Each county contributes to the financial support of the Region activities based on formulas developed by the Region governing board and as required by the Act. Funding is provided by a combination of Federal, State, local, and private funding. The County contributed \$29,724 toward the operation of the Region during fiscal year 2014. In the event of the termination of the agreement, assets would be disposed of in accordance with the terms of the agreement. The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services 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 Four Corners Health Department (Department) to provide public health services. The agreement was established under authority of the Interlocal Cooperation Act for services to be provided per Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 71-1626 to 71-1636 (Reissue 2009, Cum. Supp. 2014).

The Department's governing board is established by statute and includes representatives from the participating county boards and the health profession. Funding is provided by a combination of Federal, State, local, and private funding. The County did not contribute toward the operation of the Department during fiscal year 2014. 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 audited in accordance with Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-304(4) (Reissue 2014). Financial information for the Department is available in that report.

#### **B.** Basis of Presentation

**Government-Wide Financial Statements.** The Statement of Net Position - 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 were considered immaterial and have not been eliminated. Governmental Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) requires internal activity to be eliminated to minimize double counting. The County reports governmental activities only. Governmental activities are generally 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.

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

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

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

**Fund Financial Statements**. The fund financial statements provide information about the County's funds, including its fiduciary funds. GAAP requires separate statements by fund category – governmental, proprietary, and fiduciary. The County uses only the governmental and fiduciary fund categories. The County Board is the highest level of decision-making authority and has the authority, by resolution, to establish, modify, or rescind the commitment or assignment of a fund balance to a specific purpose. When resources for a specific purpose are available in more than one fund balance classification, the County's policy is to use resources in the following order: restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned. 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 and is primarily funded by State tax receipts.

**Inheritance Fund.** This fund is used to account for the receipts generated from inheritance taxes and is used for various projects.

**Special Road Fund.** This fund is used to account for funds set aside and costs associated with specific road projects.

The County reports the following additional non-major governmental 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.

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

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

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

**Capital Project Funds.** The Senior Service Savings Fund accounts for all resources received and used for the acquisition or development of major capital improvements.

**Debt Service Fund.** The Courthouse Bond Fund accounts for the resources for, and the payment of, general long-term debt principal, interest, and related costs.

The County designates fund balances as:

**Restricted**. The fund balance is restricted by external impositions, such as creditors, grantors, or laws or regulations of other governments.

**Committed**. The fund balance has been designated by the County Board for a specific purpose.

**Assigned**. The fund balance has not been designated by the County Board for a specific purpose, but it has been separated based on the type of revenue.

**Unassigned**. This portion of the General Fund is not restricted, committed, or assigned for a specific purpose.

# C. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus and basis of accounting. The accounting records of the County are maintained and the government-wide financial statements were reported on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements. As such, the measurement focus includes only those assets and fund balances arising from cash transactions on the Statement of Net Position - 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.

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

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

The governmental fund financial statements were also reported on the cash receipt and disbursement basis of accounting. As such, the same measurement focus and basis of accounting were used, as described above. This differs from governmental GAAP, which requires 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 are generally 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 Position

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

**Investments.** The types of investments in which the County is authorized to invest funds are enumerated in Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 77-2315, 77-2340, and 77-2341 (Reissue 2009) and generally include U.S. Government obligations, certificates of deposit, and time deposits and securities, which are authorized by the Nebraska Investment Council.

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

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

**Compensated Absences.** Vested or accumulated vacation leave that is liquidated with expendable available financial resources is reported as a 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-

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

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

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

**Restricted Net Position.** 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 position is reported as restricted when constraints placed on its use are either externally imposed or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. The government-wide statement of net position reports \$621,646 of restricted net position, of which \$248,111 is restricted by enabling legislation.

**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 actually 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 adopts the budget and appropriates 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 must 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.

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

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

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

At year end, the County's carrying amount of deposits was \$1,793,004 for County funds and \$551,876 for Fiduciary funds. The bank balances for all funds totaled 2,282,279. For purposes of classifying categories of custodial risk, the bank balances of the County's deposits, as of June 30, 2014, were either entirely insured or collateralized with securities held by the County's agent in the County's name.

The County's carrying value of investments is stated at cost, which approximates market. Investments consisted of \$8,490 in Cole Real Estate Investments, \$50,301 in Butler County Area Foundation Fund, and \$5,126,954 deposited in the Nebraska Public Agency Investment Trust (NPAIT). NPAIT is a public entity investment pool operated under the direction of a seven-member Board of Trustees. All net income of the trust is determined as of the close of business on each banking day and is credited thereafter pro rata to each participant's account. Net income that has accrued to each participant is converted as of the close of business of each calendar month into additional units, which thereafter are held in each participant's trust account. Since net income of the fund is allocated among participants each time net income is determined, the net asset value remains at \$1.00 per unit. Securities held by NPAIT are not held in the County's name. The Cole Real Estate Investments and Butler County Area Foundation Fund were held by the County or its agent in the name of the County.

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

Property taxes are levied by the County Board on or before October 15 of each year for all political subdivisions in the County. Real estate and personal property taxes are due and attach as an enforceable lien on January 1 following the levy date, and they 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. Counties may levy taxes in addition to the 50-cent limitation upon a vote of the people.

The levy set in October 2013, for the 2013 taxes, which were materially collected in May and September 2014, was set at \$.189665/\$100 of assessed valuation. The levy set in October 2012, for the 2012 taxes, which were materially collected in May and September 2013, was set at \$.206342/\$100 of assessed valuation. The amount collected for the motor vehicle tax is outlined in State statute.

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

### 3. <u>Property Taxes</u> (Concluded)

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

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

The Retirement System for Nebraska Counties (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 23-2334 (Reissue 2012, Cum. Supp. 2014) 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 18. 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 § 23-2307 and § 23-2308 and may be amended through legislative action. The employee's and employer's contributions are kept in separate accounts. The employee's account is fully vested. The employer's account is fully vested after three years of participation in the system or credit for participation in another governmental plan prior to actual contribution to the Plan. Prior service benefits are paid directly by the County to the retired employee.

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

For the year ended June 30, 2014, 99 employees contributed \$129,069, and the County contributed \$191,457. Contributions included \$4,294 in cash contributions towards the supplemental law enforcement plan for 11 law enforcement employees. Lastly, the County paid \$1,166 directly to 16 retired employees for prior service benefits.

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

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

The County is exposed to various risks of loss related to the following: 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 79 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 otherwise unable to discharge its legal liabilities and 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, is sent to each county in writing, and each county has 60 days in which to pay the amount of such assessment. Each county remains liable for such assessments, regardless of such county's withdrawal from participation or the termination of the agreement, as well as for liabilities of the Pool incurred during such county's period of membership.

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

	NIRMA Coverage		Maximum Coverage
General Liability Claim	\$ 300,000	\$	5,000,000
Workers' Compensation Claim	\$ 500,000	Statu	atory Limits
Property Damage Claim	\$ 250,000		red Value at acement 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 2015. 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 (Continued)

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

Interfund transfers for the year ended June 30, 2014, consisted of the following:

	Transfers from									
	(	General		heritance		Nonmajor				
Transfers to	Fund			Fund		d Road Fund Funds				Total
Road Fund	\$	940,486	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	940,486
General Fund		-		200,000		-		-		200,000
Special Road Fund		-		-		100,000		-		100,000
Nonmajor Funds		326,195		-		-		50,000		376,195
Total	\$	1,266,681	\$	200,000	\$	100,000	\$	50,000	<b>\$</b> 1	1,616,681

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. Long-Term Debt

### **General Obligation Bond**

The County issued bonds on May 3, 2010, in the amount of \$2,230,000 for the purpose of paying the costs of refunding the County's General Obligation Building Bonds, Series 2002, dated May 1, 2002, which were issued for the purpose of paying the costs of constructing additions and improvements to the Butler County Courthouse. The bond payable balance, as of June 30, 2014, was \$1,505,000. The County has the ability to levy taxes as necessary to cover the annual required principal and interest payments over the term of these bonds. Future tax resources will be used to pay off the bonds.

Future Payments:								
Year	Principal			Interest	Total			
2015	\$	\$ 190,000		190,000 \$ 47,		47,485	\$	237,785
2016		195,000		43,305		238,305		
2017		195,000		38,138		233,138		
2018		205,000		32,385		237,385		
2019		210,000		25,723		235,723		
2020-2022		510,000		32,157		542,157		
Total Payments	\$	1,505,000	\$	219,193	\$	1,724,193		

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Concluded)

#### 7. Long-Term Debt (Concluded)

#### **Hospital Bond**

In May 2012, the County issued General Obligation Bonds in the original amount of \$8,000,000 for the purpose of paying for costs related to the construction of additions and improvements to the existing hospital facility. In January 2013, the County issued General Obligation Refunding Bonds in the amount of \$2,580,000 for the purpose of redeeming Series 2009 bonds. The bond payable balance as of June 30, 2014, was \$9,530,000. Butler County has the ability to levy taxes as necessary to cover the annual required principal and interest payments over the term of these bonds; however, it is the intent of the Hospital and the County Board to use proceeds from the Hospital to pay off the bonds. Complete financial statements of the Hospital can be obtained from the Hospital's administrative office.

For the Year Ended June 30, 2014

DECEIDTS	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
RECEIPTS	¢ 2 207 750	¢ 2 207 750	ф <u>2221 555</u>	¢ (5C 202)
Taxes	\$ 3,387,758	\$ 3,387,758	\$ 3,331,555	\$ (56,203)
Licenses and Permits	25,800	25,800	31,080	5,280
Interest	15,000	15,000	7,478	(7,522)
Intergovernmental	559,871	559,871	746,334	186,463
Charges for Services	327,500	327,500	415,775	88,275
Miscellaneous	4 215 020	4 215 020	9,546	9,546
TOTAL RECEIPTS	4,315,929	4,315,929	4,541,768	225,839
DISBURSEMENTS				
General Government:				
County Board	230,440	230,440	227,630	2,810
County Clerk	159,151	159,151	154,213	4,938
County Treasurer	157,477	157,477	156,585	892
County Assessor	190,492	190,492	187,283	3,209
Election Commissioner	60,066	60,066	44,296	15,770
Data Processing Department	54,590	54,590	52,561	2,029
Clerk of the District Court	174,474	174,474	158,030	16,444
County Court System	10,500	10,500	9,434	1,066
Public Defender	122,000	122,000	103,691	18,309
Building and Grounds	228,429	228,429	212,039	16,390
Reappraisal	45,342	45,342	43,747	1,595
Agricultural Extension Agent	90,311	90,311	85,411	4,900
Miscellaneous	336,574	336,574	274,147	62,427
Public Safety				
County Sheriff	973,985	973,985	745,757	228,228
County Attorney	220,179	220,179	213,603	6,576
County Jail	670,480	670,480	657,232	13,248
County Attorney - Child Support	17,864	17,864	97	17,767
Diversion Program	16,880	16,880	16,880	-
Law Enforcement Grant	5,000	5,000	1,756	3,244
Miscellaneous	36,500	36,500	11,350	25,150
Public Works				
County Surveyor	67,349	67,349	66,008	1,341

For the Year Ended June 30, 2014

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b> (Continued)				
Public Assistance				
Veterans' Service Officer	40,315	40,315	39,125	1,190
Victims Assistance Program	27,832	27,832	27,822	10
Miscellaneous	72,471	72,471	60,051	12,420
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	4,008,701	4,008,701	3,548,748	459,953
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS	307,228	307,228	993,020	685,792
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>				
Transfers in	200,000	200,000	200,000	-
Transfers out	(1,227,083)	(1,227,083)	(1,266,681)	(39,598)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING				
SOURCES (USES)	(1,027,083)	(1,027,083)	(1,066,681)	(39,598)
Net Change in Fund Balance	(719,855)	(719,855)	(73,661)	646,194
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING	1,069,855	1,069,855	1,069,855	
FUND BALANCE - ENDING	\$ 350,000	\$ 350,000	\$ 996,194	\$ 646,194

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### For the Year Ended June 30, 2014

	Original Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)	
ROAD FUND	-			
RECEIPTS	\$ -	¢	\$ 100	\$ 100
Licenses and Permits Intergovernmental	ء - 1,938,643	\$ -	\$ 100 2,048,472	\$ 100 109,829
Miscellaneous	20,000	1,938,643 20,000	2,048,472 39,465	109,829
TOTAL RECEIPTS	1,958,643	1,958,643	2,088,037	129,394
TOTAL RECEILTS	1,958,045	1,958,045	2,000,057	129,394
DISBURSEMENTS	3,099,451	3,099,451	2,455,210	644,241
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF RECEIPTS				
OVER DISBURSEMENTS	(1,140,808)	(1,140,808)	(367,173)	773,635
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers in	940,486	940,486	940,486	-
Transfers out	(100,000)	(100,000)	(100,000)	
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	840,486	840,486	840,486	_
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Net Change in Fund Balance	(300,322)	(300,322)	473,313	773,635
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING	550,322	550,322	550,322	-
FUND BALANCE - ENDING	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 1,023,635	\$ 773,635
INHERITANCE FUND RECEIPTS	_			
Taxes	\$ 200,250	\$ 200,250	\$ 1,019,317	\$ 819,067
TOTAL RECEIPTS	200,250	200,250	1,019,317	819,067
	200,200	200,200	1,017,017	019,007
DISBURSEMENTS	2,110,765	2,110,765	137,377	1,973,388
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF RECEIPTS				
OVER DISBURSEMENTS	(1,910,515)	(1,910,515)	881,940	2,792,455
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers in	-	-	-	-
Transfers out	(200,000)	(200,000)	(200,000)	) –
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING				
SOURCES (USES)	(200,000)	(200,000)	(200,000)	
Net Change in Fund Balance	(2,110,515)	(2,110,515)	681,940	2,792,455
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING	2,110,515	2,110,515	2,110,515	-,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,
FUND BALANCE - ENDING	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,792,455	\$ 2,792,455
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For the Year Ended June 30, 2014

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
SPECIAL ROAD FUND				
RECEIPTS				
Intergovernmental	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,815	\$ 3,815
TOTAL RECEIPTS			3,815	3,815
DISBURSEMENTS	1,149,517	1,149,517		1,149,517
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS	(1,149,517)	(1,149,517)	3,815	1,153,332
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) Transfers in Transfers out	100,000	100,000	100,000	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	100,000	100,000	100,000	<u>-</u>
Net Change in Fund Balance	(1,049,517)	(1,049,517)	103,815	1,153,332
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING	1,049,517	1,049,517	1,049,517	
FUND BALANCE - ENDING	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,153,332	\$ 1,153,332

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For the Year Ended June 30, 2014

		Driginal Budget	Final Budget			Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)		
HIGHWAY BRIDGE BUYBACK FUND	-								
Receipts	\$	136,902	\$	136,902	\$	136,902	\$	-	
Disbursements		(136,902)		(136,902)		-		136,902	
Net Change in Fund Balance		-		-		136,902		136,902	
Fund Balance - Beginning		-		_		-		-	
Fund Balance - Ending	\$	-	\$		\$	136,902	\$	136,902	
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND	_								
Receipts	\$	40,841	\$	40,841	\$	38,121	\$	(2,720)	
Disbursements		(94,539)		(94,539)		(90,339)		4,200	
Transfers in		31,116		31,116		31,116		-	
Transfers out		-		-		-		-	
Net Change in Fund Balance		(22,582)		(22,582)		(21,102)		1,480	
Fund Balance - Beginning		22,582		22,582		22,582		-	
Fund Balance - Ending	\$	-	\$	-	\$	1,480	\$	1,480	
EQUIPMENT SINKING FUND Receipts	\$	-	\$	-	\$	_	\$	-	
Disbursements		(12,000)		(12,000)		-		12,000	
Transfers in		4,000		4,000		4,000		-	
Transfers out		-		-		-		-	
Net Change in Fund Balance		(8,000)		(8,000)		4,000		12,000	
Fund Balance - Beginning		8,000		8,000		8,000		-	
Fund Balance - Ending	\$	-	\$	-	\$	12,000	\$	12,000	
CHILD SUPPORT INCENTIVE FUND									
Receipts	\$	_	\$	_	\$	7,103	\$	7,103	
Disbursements	Ψ	_	Ψ	-	Ψ	-	Ψ	-	
Transfers in		_		-		18,401		18,401	
Transfers out		_		_				-	
Net Change in Fund Balance						25,504		25,504	
Fund Balance - Beginning		_		_					
Fund Balance - Ending	\$		\$		\$	25,504	\$	25,504	
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For the Year Ended June 30, 2014

		Driginal Budget	 Final Budget	 Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)		
VISITOR'S PROMOTION FUND	<u> </u>						
Receipts	\$	2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 3,208	\$	1,208	
Disbursements		(10,804)	 (10,804)	 (360)		10,444	
Net Change in Fund Balance		(8,804)	(8,804)	2,848		11,652	
Fund Balance - Beginning		8,804	 8,804	 8,804	<u> </u>	-	
Fund Balance - Ending	\$	-	\$ -	\$ 11,652	\$	11,652	
VISITOR'S IMPROVEMENT FUND							
Receipts	\$	2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 3,208	\$	1,208	
Disbursements		(6,754)	(6,754)	-		6,754	
Net Change in Fund Balance		(4,754)	(4,754)	 3,208		7,962	
Fund Balance - Beginning		4,754	4,754	4,754		-	
Fund Balance - Ending	\$	_	\$ -	\$ 7,962	\$	7,962	
REGISTER OF DEEDS PRESERVATION FUND	_						
Receipts	\$	5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 6,740	\$	1,740	
Disbursements		(8,169)	 (8,169)	 (1,000)		7,169	
Net Change in Fund Balance		(3,169)	(3,169)	5,740		8,909	
Fund Balance - Beginning		3,169	 3,169	 3,169		-	
Fund Balance - Ending	\$	-	\$ -	\$ 8,909	\$	8,909	
RELIEF MEDICAL FUND	_						
Receipts	\$	12,170	\$ 12,170	\$ 13,617	\$	1,447	
Disbursements		(30,000)	 (30,000)	 (8,960)		21,040	
Net Change in Fund Balance		(17,830)	(17,830)	4,657		22,487	
Fund Balance - Beginning		17,830	17,830	17,830		-	
Fund Balance - Ending	\$	-	\$ -	\$ 22,487	\$	22,487	

For the Year Ended June 30, 2014

	Original Final Budget Budget Actual					Fin P	ance with al Budget ositive egative)	
INSTITUTION FUND	_							
Receipts	\$	13,770	\$	13,770	\$	15,026	\$	1,256
Disbursements		(35,000)		(35,000)		(5,087)		29,913
Net Change in Fund Balance		(21,230)		(21,230)		9,939		31,169
Fund Balance - Beginning		21,230		21,230		21,230		-
Fund Balance - Ending	\$	-	\$	_	\$	31,169	\$	31,169
VETERANS' AID FUND								
Receipts	\$	7,403	\$	7,403	\$	6,196	\$	(1,207)
Disbursements		(27,500)		(27,500)		(2,000)		25,500
Net Change in Fund Balance		(20,097)		(20,097)		4,196		24,293
Fund Balance - Beginning		20,097		20,097		20,097		-
Fund Balance - Ending	\$		\$	-	\$	24,293	\$	24,293
RURAL TRANSIT SERVICE FUND Receipts	-	28,536	\$	28,536	\$	31,040	\$	2,504
Disbursements	Ψ	(53,281)	Ψ	(53,281)	Ψ	(37,266)	Ψ	16,015
Transfers in		10,821		10,821		1,974		(8,847)
Transfers out		- 10,021		- 10,021		-		(0,017)
Net Change in Fund Balance		(13,924)		(13,924)		(4,252)		9,672
Fund Balance - Beginning		13,924		13,924		13,924		-
Fund Balance - Ending	\$		\$		\$	9,672	\$	9,672
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SENIOR SERVICES PROGRAM FUND	- -	04 220	ሱ	04 220	ሰ	112 225	ተ	10.007
Receipts	\$	94,328	\$	94,328	\$	113,235	\$	18,907
Disbursements		(159,728)		(159,728)		(136,674)		23,054
Transfers in		16,500		16,500		16,500		-
Transfers out		(50,000)		(50,000)		(50,000)		-
Net Change in Fund Balance		(98,900)		(98,900)		(56,939)		41,961
Fund Balance - Beginning		128,900		128,900		128,900		-
Fund Balance - Ending	\$	30,000	\$	30,000	\$	71,961	\$	41,961

For the Year Ended June 30, 2014

		Driginal Budget	Final Budget			Actual	Fin I	iance with al Budget Positive legative)
SENIOR SERVICES SAVINGS FUND								
Receipts	\$	-	\$	-	\$	4,918	\$	4,918
Disbursements		(201,806)		(201,806)		(8,153)		193,653
Transfers in		50,000		50,000		50,044		44
Transfers out		-		-		-		-
Net Change in Fund Balance		(151,806)		(151,806)		46,809		198,615
Fund Balance - Beginning		151,806		151,806		151,806		-
Fund Balance - Ending	\$	_	\$	-	\$	198,615	\$	198,615
STOP PROGRAM FUND Receipts	-	5,000	\$	5,000	\$	5,600	\$	600
Disbursements	φ	(20,866)	φ	(20,866)	φ	(12,849)	φ	8,017
Net Change in Fund Balance		(15,866)		(15,866)		(12, 349) (7,249)		8,617
Fund Balance - Beginning		(15,866)		15,866		(7,249)		8,017
Fund Balance - Ending	\$	15,000	\$	15,000	\$	8,617	\$	8,617
T und Datanee - Ending	Ψ		Ψ		Ψ	0,017	Ψ	0,017
DRUG LAW ENFORCEMENT AND EDUCATION FUND	_							
Receipts	\$	5,000	\$	5,000	\$	462	\$	(4,538)
Disbursements		(5,000)		(5,000)		-		5,000
Net Change in Fund Balance		-		-		462		462
Fund Balance - Beginning		-		-		-		-
Fund Balance - Ending	\$	_	\$	-	\$	462	\$	462
FEDERAL DRUG LAW ENFORCEMENT FUND	_							
Receipts	\$	25,000	\$	25,000	\$	-	\$	(25,000)
Disbursements		(25,000)		(25,000)		-		25,000
Net Change in Fund Balance		-		-		-		-
Fund Balance - Beginning						-		
Fund Balance - Ending	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
		_		_				_

For the Year Ended June 30, 2014

	Original Final Budget Budget Act					Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive I (Negative)		
CANINE (K-9) FUND									
Receipts	\$	-	\$	-	\$	50	\$	50	
Disbursements		(3,922)		(3,922)		(3,577)		345	
Net Change in Fund Balance		(3,922)		(3,922)		(3,527)		395	
Fund Balance - Beginning		3,922		3,922		3,922		-	
Fund Balance - Ending	\$	-	\$	-	\$	395	\$	395	
FEDERAL GRANT FUND									
Receipts	\$	100,000	\$	100,000	\$	-	\$	(100,000)	
Disbursements		(100,000)		(100,000)		-		100,000	
Net Change in Fund Balance		-		-		-		_	
Fund Balance - Beginning		-		-		-		-	
Fund Balance - Ending	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	
911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND									
Receipts	- \$	49,270	\$	49,270	\$	49,270	\$	_	
Disbursements	Ψ	(59,393)	Ψ	(59,393)	Ψ	(43,453)	Ψ	15,940	
Net Change in Fund Balance		(10,123)		(10,123)		5,817		15,940	
Fund Balance - Beginning		10,123		10,123		10,123			
Fund Balance - Ending	\$	-	\$	-	\$	15,940	\$	15,940	
-									
911 WIRELESS SERVICE HOLDING FUND									
Receipts	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	
Disbursements		(82,452)		(82,452)		(50,220)		32,232	
Net Change in Fund Balance		(82,452)		(82,452)		(50,220)		32,232	
Fund Balance - Beginning		82,452		82,452		82,452		-	
Fund Balance - Ending	\$	_	\$	-	\$	32,232	\$	32,232	

For the Year Ended June 30, 2014

		Original Budget		Final Budget		Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)		
COURTHOUSE BOND FUND	-								
Receipts	\$	236,431	\$	236,431	\$	248,532	\$	12,101	
Disbursements		(588,193)		(588,193)		(236,431)		351,762	
Net Change in Fund Balance		(351,762)		(351,762)		12,101		363,863	
Fund Balance - Beginning		351,762		351,762		351,762		-	
Fund Balance - Ending	\$	-	\$	-	\$	363,863	\$	363,863	
NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL FUND Receipts	<u> </u> \$	_	\$	_	\$	317	\$	317	
Disbursements	Ψ	(65,116)	Ψ	(65,116)	Ψ	(44,963)	Ψ	20,153	
Transfers in		38,415		38,415		38,415		20,133	
Transfers out								_	
Net Change in Fund Balance		(26,701)		(26,701)		(6,231)		20,470	
Fund Balance - Beginning		26,701		26,701		(0,231) 26,701		20,470	
Fund Balance - Ending	\$	20,701	\$	20,701	\$	20,701	\$	20,470	
T und Datanee Ending	Ψ		Ψ		Ψ	20,470	Ψ	20,470	
E911 EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FUND	-								
Receipts	\$	30,000	\$	30,000	\$	32,601	\$	2,601	
Disbursements		(240,507)		(270,507)		(264,560)		5,947	
Transfers in		185,745		215,745		215,745		-	
Transfers out		-		-		-		-	
Net Change in Fund Balance		(24,762)		(24,762)		(16,214)		8,548	
Fund Balance - Beginning		24,762		24,762		24,762		-	
Fund Balance - Ending	\$	-	\$	-	\$	8,548	\$	8,548	

(Concluded)

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

NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

	Highway Bridge Buyback Fund		Man	ergency agement Fund	Equipment Sinking Fund		Child Support Incentive Fund		Visitor's Promotion Fund	
RECEIPTS										
Property Taxes	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	3,208
Interest		-		-		-		-		-
Intergovernmental		136,902		35,121		-		7,103		-
Charges for Services		-		-		-		-		-
Miscellaneous		-		3,000		-		-		-
TOTAL RECEIPTS		136,902		38,121		-		7,103		3,208
DISBURSEMENTS										
General Government		-		-		-		-		-
Public Safety		-		90,339		-		-		-
Public Works		-		-		-		-		-
Public Assistance		-		-		-		-		-
Culture and Recreation		-		-		-		-		360
Debt Service:										
Principal Payments		-		-		-		-		-
Interest and Fiscal Charges		-		-		-		-		-
Capital Projects		-		-		-		-		-
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		-		90,339		-		-		360
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF RECEIPTS										
OVER DISBURSEMENTS		136,902		(52,218)		-		7,103		2,848
o ven bibbonsenier (15		150,702		(32,210)				7,105		2,010
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>										
Transfers in		-		31,116		4,000		18,401		-
Transfers out		-		- , -		_				-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING										
SOURCES (USES)		-		31,116		4,000		18,401		-
Net Change in Fund Balances		136,902		(21,102)		4,000		25,504		2,848
FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING		-		22,582		8,000		-		8,804
FUND BALANCES - ENDING	\$	136,902	\$	1,480	\$	12,000	\$	25,504	\$	11,652
FUND BALANCES:										
Restricted for:										
Visitor Promotion		-		-		-		-		11,652
911 Emergency Services		-		-		-		-		-
Drug Education		-		-		-		-		-
Aid and Assistance		-		-		-		-		-
Preservation of Records		-		-		-		-		-
Debt Service		-		-		-		-		-
Bridge/Road Projects		136,902		-		-		-		-
Child Support Enforcement		-		-		-		25,504		-
Committed to:										
Law Enforcement		-		1,480		-		-		-
Road Maintenance		-		-		-		-		-
Aid and Assistance		-		-		-		-		-
Equipment		-		-		12,000		-		-
Weed Control		-		-		-		-		-
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	\$	136,902	\$	1,480	\$	12,000	\$	25,504	\$	11,652

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

For the Year Ended June 30, 2014

	Visitor's Improvement Fund		Register of Deeds Preservation Fund		Relief Medical Fund	Institution Fund	Veterans' Aid Fund		al Transit vice Fund
RECEIPTS Decements Toxics	¢	2 200	¢		\$ 12 002	¢ 11467	\$ 5.750	¢	
Property Taxes Interest	\$	3,208	\$	-	\$12,903	\$ 11,467	\$ 5,759	\$	-
Intergovernmental		-		-	714	- 767	407		23,466
Charges for Services		-		6,740	-	-			7,574
Miscellaneous		-			-	2,792	30		-
TOTAL RECEIPTS		3,208		6,740	13,617	15,026	6,196		31,040
DISBURSEMENTS				1 000					
General Government		-		1,000	-	-	-		-
Public Safety		-		-	-	-	-		-
Public Works		-		-	-	-	2 000		-
Public Assistance Culture and Recreation		-		-	8,960	5,087	2,000		37,266
		-		-	-	-	-		-
Debt Service:									
Principal Payments		-		-	-	-	-		-
Interest and Fiscal Charges		-		-	-	-	-		-
Capital Projects TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS				1,000	8,960	5,087	2,000		37,266
IOTAL DISBURSEMENTS				1,000	8,900	5,087	2,000		37,200
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF RECEIPTS									
OVER DISBURSEMENTS		3,208		5,740	4,657	9,939	4,196		(6,226)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)									
Transfers in		-		-	-	-	-		1,974
Transfers out		-		-	-	-	-		-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING									
SOURCES (USES)		-		-					1,974
Net Change in Fund Balances		3,208		5,740	4,657	9,939	4,196		(4,252)
FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING		4,754		3,169	17,830	21,230	20,097		13,924
		1,751		5,107	17,000		20,077		10,921
FUND BALANCES - ENDING	\$	7,962	\$	8,909	\$22,487	\$ 31,169	\$24,293	\$	9,672
FUND BALANCES:									
Restricted for:									
Visitor Promotion		7,962		-	-	-	-		-
911 Emergency Services		-		-	-	-	-		-
Drug Education		-		-	-	-	-		-
Aid and Assistance		-		-	-	-	-		9,672
Preservation of Records		-		8,909	-	-	-		-
Debt Service		-		-	-	-	-		-
Bridge/Road Projects		-		-	-	-	-		-
Child Support Enforcement		-		-	-	-	-		-
Committed to:									
Law Enforcement		-		-	-	-	-		-
Road Maintenance		-		-	-	-	-		-
Aid and Assistance		-		-	22,487	31,169	24,293		-
Equipment		-		-	-	-	-		-
Weed Control		-		-					
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	\$	7,962	\$	8,909	\$22,487	\$ 31,169	\$24,293	\$	9,672

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

	Senior Services Program Fund	ServicesServicesSTOPEnforcementProgramSavingsProgramAnd Education		Canine (K-9) Fund	911 Wireless Service Fund	
RECEIPTS						
Property Taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 49,270
Interest	-	4,918	-	-	-	-
Intergovernmental	56,323	-	-	-	-	-
Charges for Services	42,336	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	14,576		5,600	462	50	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	113,235	4,918	5,600	462	50	49,270
DISBURSEMENTS						
General Government	-	-	-	-	-	-
Public Safety	-	-	12,849	-	3,577	43,453
Public Works	-	-	-	-	-	-
Public Assistance	136,674	-	-	-	-	-
Culture and Recreation	-	-	-	-	-	-
Debt Service:						
Principal Payments	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest and Fiscal Charges	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Projects	-	8,153	-	-	-	-
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	136,674	8,153	12,849		3,577	43,453
		0,000				,
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF RECEIPTS						
OVER DISBURSEMENTS	(23,439)	(3,235)	(7,249)	462	(3,527)	5,817
					<u>_</u>	
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>						
Transfers in	16,500	50,044	-	-	-	-
Transfers out	(50,000)	_	-	-	-	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING						
SOURCES (USES)	(33,500)	50,044	-	-	-	-
	(00,000)	20,011				
Net Change in Fund Balances	(56,939)	46,809	(7,249)	462	(3,527)	5,817
FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING	128,900	151,806	15,866	-	3,922	10,123
FUND BALANCES - ENDING	\$ 71,961	\$198,615	\$ 8,617	\$ 462	\$ 395	\$ 15,940
FUND BALANCES:						
Restricted for:						
Visitor Promotion	_	_	_	_	_	_
911 Emergency Services		_	_	_	_	15,940
Drug Education	_	_	_	462	_	15,940
Aid and Assistance	-	-	-	402	-	-
Preservation of Records	-	-	-	-	-	-
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bridge/Road Projects	-	-	-	-	-	-
Child Support Enforcement	-	-	-	-	-	-
Committed to:	-	-	-	-	-	-
Law Enforcement			8 617		205	
	-	-	8,617	-	395	-
Road Maintenance	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aid and Assistance	71,961	198,615	-	-	-	-
Equipment Wood Control	-	-	-	-	-	-
Weed Control	¢ 71.061	¢ 109 615	¢ 0 (17	- • 400	- -	¢ 15.040
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	\$ 71,961	\$198,615	\$ 8,617	\$ 462	\$ 395	\$ 15,940

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

	911 W Serv Holding	vice	Courthouse Bond Fund	Noxious Weed Control Fund	Em As	E911 ergency sistance Fund		l Nonmajor vernmental Funds
RECEIPTS Description	¢		¢ 224.010	¢	¢	22 601	\$	252 225
Property Taxes Interest	\$	-	\$ 234,919	\$ -	\$	32,601	ф	353,335 4,918
Intergovernmental		-	13,613	-		-		274,416
Charges for Services		-	15,015	317		-		56,967
Miscellaneous		-	-	517		-		26,510
TOTAL RECEIPTS			248,532	317		32,601		716,146
101AL RECEIPTS			248,332	517		52,001		/10,140
DISBURSEMENTS								
General Government		-	524	-		-		1,524
Public Safety	:	50,220	-	-		264,560		464,998
Public Works		-	-	44,963		-		44,963
Public Assistance		-	-	-		-		189,987
Culture and Recreation		-	-	-		-		360
Debt Service:								
Principal Payments		-	185,000	-		-		185,000
Interest and Fiscal Charges		-	50,907	-		-		50,907
Capital Projects		-	_	-		-		8,153
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		50,220	236,431	44,963		264,560		945,892
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF RECEIPTS	,		10 101	(11-11)				
OVER DISBURSEMENTS	(1	50,220)	12,101	(44,646)	()	231,959)		(229,746)
OTHED FINANCING SOUDCES (USES)								
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) Transfers in				29 415		215 745		276 105
		-	-	38,415		215,745		376,195
Transfers out TOTAL OTHER FINANCING						-		(50,000)
				29 415	,	215 745		226 105
SOURCES (USES)		-		38,415		215,745		326,195
Net Change in Fund Balances	(*	50,220)	12,101	(6,231)		(16,214)		96,449
FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING		32,452	351,762	26,701		24,762		916,684
	·	52,152	551,762	20,701		21,702		710,001
FUND BALANCES - ENDING	\$	32,232	\$ 363,863	\$ 20,470	\$	8,548	\$	1,013,133
FUND BALANCES:								
Restricted for:								
Visitor Promotion		-	-	-		-		19,614
911 Emergency Services		32,232	-	-		8,548		56,720
Drug Education		-	-	-		-		462
Aid and Assistance		-	-	-		-		9,672
Preservation of Records		-	-	-		-		8,909
Debt Service		-	363,863	-		-		363,863
Bridge/Road Projects		-	-	-		-		136,902
Child Support Enforcement Committed to:		-	-	-		-		25,504
Law Enforcement								10.402
Road Maintenance		-	-	-		-		10,492
Aid and Assistance		-	-	-		-		348,525
Equipment		-	-	-		-		12,000
Weed Control		-	-	20,470		-		20,470
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	\$	32,232	\$ 363,863	\$ 20,470	\$	8,548	\$	1,013,133
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# BUTLER COUNTY SCHEDULE OF OFFICE ACTIVITIES

	County Clerk	Clerk of the District Court	County Sheriff	CountyCountyDetentionAttorneyCenter		Highway Superintendent	Veterans' Service Officer	County Senior Services	Total
BALANCES JULY 1, 2013	\$ 9,698	\$ 34,801	\$ 6,974	\$ 462	\$ 63,753	\$ 129,608	\$ 3,161	\$ 1,226	\$ 249,683
RECEIPTS									
Licenses and Permits	460	-	-	-	-	100	-	-	560
Intergovernmental	-	-	26,000	-	-	625,583	2,000	53,458	707,041
Charges for Services	80,044	7,159	20,518	-	79,208	49,488	-	63,626	300,043
Miscellaneous		-	15,437	507	-	-	-	4,024	19,968
State Fees	81,597	11,728	-	-	55	-	-	-	93,380
Other Liabilities		620,864	11,378	1,806	152,882	-	-	-	786,930
TOTAL RECEIPTS	162,101	639,751	73,333	2,313	232,145	675,171	2,000	121,108	1,907,922
DISBURSEMENTS									
Payments to County Treasurer	80,848	8,517	57,922	462	127,315	747,572	-	116,855	1,139,491
Payments to State Treasurer	83,486	12,201	-	-	416	-	-	-	96,103
Other Liabilities		621,954	10,484	1,813	159,703	-	1,076	4,210	799,240
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	164,334	642,672	68,406	2,275	287,434	747,572	1,076	121,065	2,034,834
BALANCES JUNE 30, 2014	\$ 7,465	\$ 31,880	\$ 11,901	\$ 500	\$ 8,464	\$ 57,207	\$ 4,085	\$ 1,269	\$ 122,771
BALANCES CONSIST OF:									
Due to County Treasurer	\$ 4,494	\$ 443	\$ 1,040	\$ -	\$ 136	\$ 57,207	\$ 4,085	\$ 658	\$ 68,063
Petty Cash	-	-	8,390	500	3,500	-	-	500	12,890
Due to State Treasurer	2,971	809	-	-	169	-	-	-	3,949
Due to Others	-	30,628	2,471	-	4,659	-	-	111	37,869
BALANCES JUNE 30, 2014	\$ 7,465	\$ 31,880	\$ 11,901	\$ 500	\$ 8,464	\$ 57,207	\$ 4,085	\$ 1,269	\$ 122,771

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

June 30, 2014

Item	2009	 2010	 2011	2012		2013	
Tax Certified by Assessor							
Real Estate	\$ 15,956,016	\$ 18,088,063	\$ 19,719,390	\$	20,676,238	\$	22,415,146
Personal and Specials	 1,166,900	 1,374,706	 1,813,626		2,780,915		2,753,915
Total	 17,122,916	 19,462,769	 21,533,016		23,457,153		25,169,061
Corrections							
Additions	7,099	7,233	8,777		2,760		2,363
Deductions	(11,582)	(17,321)	(8,089)		(13,961)		(3,858)
Net Additions/							
(Deductions)	(4,483)	(10,088)	688		(11,201)		(1,495)
Corrected Certified Tax	17,118,433	19,452,681	 21,533,704		23,445,952		25,167,566
Net Tax Collected by County Treasurer during Fiscal Year Ending:							
June 30, 2010	10,394,792	-	-		-		-
June 30, 2011	6,723,333	12,044,987	-		-		-
June 30, 2012	(4,936)	7,398,151	13,429,098		-		-
June 30, 2013	3,638	6,190	8,085,187		14,805,410		-
June 30, 2014	 985	 1,663	 7,793		8,618,828		16,288,243
Total Net Collections	 17,117,812	 19,450,991	 21,522,078		23,424,238		16,288,243
Total Uncollected Tax	\$ 621	\$ 1,690	\$ 11,626	\$	21,714	\$	8,879,323
Percentage Uncollected Tax	 0.00%	 0.01%	 0.05%		0.09%		35.28%

Note: Tax refunds are netted against tax collections to determine Net Tax Collected.



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# BUTLER COUNTY

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S 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 Butler County, Nebraska

We have audited, 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, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Butler County, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Butler County's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated February 25, 2015. 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 Butler County Hospital, a component unit of Butler County.

# **Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Butler County's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Butler 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 material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and, therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. However, as discussed below, we identified a certain deficiency in internal control that we consider to be a material weakness.

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

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

### **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Butler 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*.

#### **Additional Items**

We also noted certain matters that we reported to the management of Butler County in a separate letter dated February 25, 2015.

# **Butler County's Response to Findings**

Butler County declined to respond to the findings identified in our audit.

#### **Purpose of this Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the result of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the County's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Dear Haffer CPA

Deann Haeffner, CPA Assistant Deputy Auditor Lincoln, Nebraska

February 25, 2015



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February 25, 2015

Board of Supervisors Butler County, Nebraska

Dear Supervisors:

We have audited the basic financial statements of Butler County (County) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014, and have issued our report thereon dated February 25, 2015. 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 following areas:

# 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 lacked a segregation of duties, as 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.

# **COUNTY BOARD**

#### Lack of Adequate Security for Deposits

During our audit, we noted deposits in the County Board imprest bank account exceeded FDIC coverage for 35 days during the fiscal year. Amounts not covered ranged between \$14,126 and \$443,764.

Neb. Rev. Stat § 77-2395(1) (Reissue 2009) states, in relevant part:

[T] he custodial official shall not have on deposit in such depository any public money or public funds in excess of the amount insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, unless and until the depository has furnished to the custodial official securities, the market value of which are in an amount not less than one hundred two percent of the amount on deposit which is in excess of the amount so insured or guaranteed.

When their deposits are not fully secured at all times, County offices are not in compliance with State statute, and there is an increased risk of loss should the financial institutions holding County deposits fail.

We recommend the County Board implement procedures to ensure bank accounts are adequately secured at all times.

### **Claim Payments**

During our audit, we noted the County did not have adequate procedures in place to prevent duplicate payments being charged to the County. We noted two instances where the County Board approved and paid duplicate payments in the amounts of \$51 and \$1,930.

A good internal control plan and sound business practice require policies and procedures be in place to ensure invoices are for legitimate County expenses and are paid only once. When adequate procedures are not in place to prevent duplicate payments, there is an increased risk for loss or misuse of County funds.

We recommend the County Board implement adequate policies and procedures to ensure all claims are legitimate County expenses and are paid only once.

# **COUNTY SHERIFF**

# **Office Accountability**

During our audit, we noted the following issues with the County Sheriff's balancing procedures at June 30, 2014:

• Office records indicated assets exceeded liabilities by \$183.

- A detailed listing of accounts payable for an amount of \$1,324 was not available.
- One month of law enforcement services provided to a village in the amount of \$1,000 were invoiced and collected twice.
- Money remitted to the State Treasurer as unclaimed property for the civil bank account, totaling \$132, and the detention center bank account, totaling \$284, consisted of checks that had previously cleared the bank or had previously been paid to the State Treasurer.

Good internal control requires procedures be in place to ensure assets (cash on hand, reconciled bank statement, and accounts receivable) are in agreement with office liabilities (fees and trust accounts). Without proper oversight of transaction activity and a failure to determine asset to liability balancing variances, there is an increased risk of loss, theft, or misuse of funds allowing errors to more easily go undetected.

We recommend the County Sheriff implement balancing procedures to insure assets agree to liabilities at all times and remit excess amounts to the County Treasurer. We further recommend adequate records be maintained to prevent over billing and improper payments. Additionally, we recommend that improper payments to the State Treasurer be resolved.

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It should be noted this report is critical in nature, as 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 management with an opportunity to review the report and to respond to the comments and recommendations included in this report. The County declined to respond.

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 it is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties. However, this report is a matter of public record, and its distribution is not limited.

Sincerely,

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