

**AUDIT REPORT
OF
NEMAHIA COUNTY**

JULY 1, 2019, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2020

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NEMAHA COUNTY
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LIST OF COUNTY OFFICIALS
At June 30, 2020

Title	Name	Term Expires
Board of Commissioners	Mike Hall Bryan Mellage Larry Holtzman	Jan. 2023 Jan. 2021 Jan. 2023
Assessor	Mallory Lempka	Jan. 2023
Attorney	Louie Ligouri	Jan. 2023
Clerk Election Commissioner Register of Deeds	Diane Johnson	Jan. 2023
Clerk of the District Court	Amy Hector	Jan. 2023
Sheriff	Brent Lottman	Jan. 2023
Treasurer	Jana Gerdes	Jan. 2023
Surveyor	Tom Catlett	Appointed
Veterans' Service Officer	Jim Reed	Appointed
Emergency Manager	Renee Critser	Appointed



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NEMAHA COUNTY

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Commissioners
Nemaha 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 Nemaha County, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020, 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 audit opinions.

Summary of Opinions

Opinion Unit	Type of Opinion
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 Nemaha County, as of June 30, 2020, 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 Nemaha County, as of June 30, 2020, 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.

Emphasis of Matters – 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.

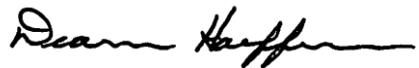
Report on Supplementary Information

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 19-32, 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.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated September 30, 2020, on our consideration of Nemaha 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 Nemaha County's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



Deann Haeffner, CPA
Assistant Deputy Auditor
Lincoln, Nebraska

September 30, 2020

NEMAHA COUNTY
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION - CASH BASIS
June 30, 2020

**Governmental
Activities**

ASSETS

Cash and Cash Equivalents (Note 1.D)	\$ 3,612,191
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 3,612,191

NET POSITION

Restricted for:

Visitor Promotion	\$ 19,377
911 Emergency Services	255,343
Law Enforcement	450
Preservation of Records	1,453
Bridge and Road Projects	492,863
Unrestricted	2,842,705
TOTAL NET POSITION	\$ 3,612,191

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

NEMAHA COUNTY
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES - CASH BASIS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

Functions:	Cash Disbursements	Program Cash Receipts		Net (Disbursement) Receipts and Changes in Net Position
		Fees, Fines, and Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	
Governmental Activities:				
General Government	\$ (3,219,838)	\$ 311,006	\$ 47,965	\$ (2,860,867)
Public Safety	(2,103,579)	414,888	55,992	(1,632,699)
Public Works	(2,582,911)	-	1,736,637	(846,274)
Public Assistance	(26,240)	-	-	(26,240)
Culture and Recreation	(27,002)	-	-	(27,002)
Debt Payments	(343,692)	-	-	(343,692)
Capital Outlay	(121,491)	-	-	(121,491)
Total Governmental Activities	<u>\$ (8,424,753)</u>	<u>\$ 725,894</u>	<u>\$ 1,840,594</u>	<u>(5,858,265)</u>
General Receipts:				
Property Taxes				4,044,769
Grants and Contributions Not Restricted to Specific Programs				466,441
Investment Income				14,067
Licenses and Permits				27,063
Bond Reimbursement				343,400
Miscellaneous				188,656
Total General Receipts				<u>5,084,396</u>
Increase in Net Position				(773,869)
Net Position - Beginning of year				4,386,060
Net Position - End of year				<u>\$ 3,612,191</u>

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NEMAHIA COUNTY
STATEMENT OF CASH BASIS ASSETS AND FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
June 30, 2020

	General Fund	Road Fund	Inheritance Fund	County Building Fund	Road Bridge Improvement Fund	Highway Bridge Buyback Program Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS								
Cash and Cash Equivalents (Note 1.D)	\$ 446,400	\$ 268,945	\$ 752,101	\$ -	\$ 770,317	\$ 492,863	\$ 881,565	\$ 3,612,191
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 446,400	\$ 268,945	\$ 752,101	\$ -	\$ 770,317	\$ 492,863	\$ 881,565	\$ 3,612,191
FUND BALANCES								
Restricted for:								
Visitor Promotion	-	-	-	-	-	-	19,377	19,377
911 Emergency Services	-	-	-	-	-	-	255,343	255,343
Law Enforcement	-	-	-	-	-	-	450	450
Preservation of Records	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,453	1,453
Bridge and Road Projects	-	-	-	-	-	492,863	-	492,863
Committed to:								
Law Enforcement	-	-	-	-	-	-	18,534	18,534
Road Maintenance	-	268,945	-	-	770,317	-	97,630	1,136,892
Future Compensation Benefits	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,843	6,843
911 Emergency Services	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,741	1,741
Other Capital Projects	-	-	-	-	-	-	183,778	183,778
Disaster Recovery	-	-	-	-	-	-	296,416	296,416
Assigned to:								
Other Purposes	-	-	752,101	-	-	-	-	752,101
Unassigned	446,400	-	-	-	-	-	-	446,400
TOTAL CASH BASIS FUND BALANCES	\$ 446,400	\$ 268,945	\$ 752,101	\$ -	\$ 770,317	\$ 492,863	\$ 881,565	\$ 3,612,191

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NEMAHA COUNTY
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS,
AND CHANGES IN CASH BASIS FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

	General Fund	Road Fund	Inheritance Fund	County Building Fund
RECEIPTS				
Property Taxes	\$ 3,727,243	\$ -	\$ 225,512	\$ -
Licenses and Permits	27,063	-	-	-
Investment Income	14,067	-	-	-
Intergovernmental	553,194	1,198,209	-	-
Charges for Services	715,284	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	30,684	39,605	-	-
TOTAL RECEIPTS	5,067,535	1,237,814	225,512	-
DISBURSEMENTS				
General Government	1,879,658	-	35,569	874,535
Public Safety	2,015,313	-	-	-
Public Works	-	2,331,095	-	-
Public Assistance	26,240	-	-	-
Culture and Recreation	-	-	-	-
Debt Service:				
Principal Payments	-	-	-	-
Interest and Fiscal Charges	-	-	-	-
Capital Outlay	-	-	-	-
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	3,921,211	2,331,095	35,569	874,535
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS	1,146,324	(1,093,281)	189,943	(874,535)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers in	-	1,131,901	30,000	-
Transfers out	<u>(1,226,446)</u>	<u>(5,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>(1,226,446)</u>	<u>1,126,901</u>	<u>30,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	(80,122)	33,620	219,943	(874,535)
CASH BASIS FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING	526,522	235,325	532,158	874,535
CASH BASIS FUND BALANCES - ENDING	\$ 446,400	\$ 268,945	\$ 752,101	\$ -

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NEMAHA COUNTY
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS,
AND CHANGES IN CASH BASIS FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

	Road Bridge Improvement Fund	Bridge Buyback Program Fund	Highway Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
RECEIPTS				
Property Taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 92,014	\$ 4,044,769
Licenses and Permits	-	-	-	27,063
Investment Income	-	-	-	14,067
Intergovernmental	7,360	261,965	286,307	2,307,035
Charges for Services	-	-	10,610	725,894
Miscellaneous	-	-	461,767	532,056
TOTAL RECEIPTS	7,360	261,965	850,698	7,650,884
DISBURSEMENTS				
General Government	-	-	430,076	3,219,838
Public Safety	-	-	88,266	2,103,579
Public Works	84,035	23,193	144,588	2,582,911
Public Assistance	-	-	-	26,240
Culture and Recreation	-	-	27,002	27,002
Debt Service:				
Principal Payments	-	-	340,000	340,000
Interest and Fiscal Charges	-	-	3,692	3,692
Capital Outlay	-	-	121,491	121,491
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	84,035	23,193	1,155,115	8,424,753
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS				
	(76,675)	238,772	(304,417)	(773,869)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers in	-	-	102,860	1,264,761
Transfers out	-	-	(33,315)	(1,264,761)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	-	-	69,545	-
Net Change in Fund Balances	(76,675)	238,772	(234,872)	(773,869)
CASH BASIS FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING				
	846,992	254,091	1,116,437	4,386,060
CASH BASIS FUND BALANCES - ENDING				
	\$ 770,317	\$ 492,863	\$ 881,565	\$ 3,612,191

(Concluded)

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

NEMAHA COUNTY
STATEMENT OF CASH BASIS NET POSITION
FIDUCIARY FUNDS

June 30, 2020

Agency Funds

ASSETS

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 484,468
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LIABILITIES

Due to other governments

State	174,001
Schools	205,926
Educational Service Units	2,274
Technical College	14,203
Natural Resource Districts	4,064
Fire Districts	4,038
Municipalities	31,994
Agricultural Society	715
Drainage Districts	31,337
Others	15,916
TOTAL LIABILITIES	484,468

TOTAL NET ASSETS

\$ -

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

NEMAHA COUNTY

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2020

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

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

A. Reporting Entity

Nemaha 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'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. The County is also considered financially accountable if an organization is fiscally dependent on and there is potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to, or impose specific financial burdens on, the County regardless of whether the organization has (1) a separately elected governing board, (2) a governing board appointed by a higher level of government, or (3) a jointly appointed board.

Component Unit. These financial statements present the County (the primary government). The Nemaha 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.

Behavioral Health Region V – 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.

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 \$12,901 toward the operation of the Region during fiscal year 2020. 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.

Health Department – The County has entered into an agreement with the Southeast District 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 2018).

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(Continued)

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

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 2020. 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) (2020 Neb. Laws, LB 781, § 8). Financial information for the Department is available in that report.

Southeast Region 911 Communications Services (911 Region) – The County has entered into an agreement with the governing boards of the Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) of the City of Lincoln, City of Beatrice, City of Crete, City of Falls City, Cass County, Clay County, Fillmore County, Jefferson County, Johnson County, Pawnee County, Nuckolls County, Otoe County, Seward County, Thayer County, and York County to fund the planning, creation, and implementation of a 911 emergency call system for the southeast region of the State of Nebraska.

The governing board is established by interlocal agreement and includes representatives from the participating political subdivisions. Each political subdivision contributes to the financial support of the 911 Region based on formulas developed by the governing board. Funding is provided by a combination of Federal, State, local, and private funding. The County was named the fiscal agent for the 911 Region in 2016, and a separate County fund was created to account for the financial activity. The activity of this fund was included in the financial statements of the County and is included in this report. In the event of the termination of the agreement, assets would be disposed of in accordance with the terms of the agreement.

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. The Statement of Net Position presents the County's non-fiduciary assets in two categories:

Restricted. This category results when constraints are externally imposed on net asset use by creditors, grantors, or contributors, or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. 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.

Unrestricted. This category represents resources that do not meet the definition of the preceding category. Unrestricted resources often have constraints on resources that are imposed by management, but those constraints can be removed or modified.

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 the following: 1) charges to customers or applicants

NEMAHA COUNTY

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(Continued)

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

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.

Road Bridge Improvement Fund. This fund is used to set aside resources for future road and bridge projects. It is funded by transfers from other funds.

County Building Fund. This fund is used to set aside resources for future construction on the County Jail Building. It is funded by transfers from other funds.

Highway Bridge Buyback Program 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 purchase of Federal aid transportation funds at a discounted rate.

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.

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

Capital Project Funds. The Other Capital Projects Fund accounts for all resources received and used for the acquisition or development of major capital improvements.

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

NEMAHA COUNTY

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(Continued)

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

The County designates fund balances as follows:

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.

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 2018) 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.

NEMAHA COUNTY

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Concluded)

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-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 \$769,486 of restricted net position, which is fully 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.

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 2018).

At year end, the County's carrying amount of deposits was \$3,612,191 for County funds and \$484,468 for Fiduciary funds. The bank balances for all funds totaled \$4,083,846. For purposes of classifying categories of custodial risk, the bank balances of the County's deposits, as of June 30, 2020, were either entirely insured or collateralized with securities held by the County's agent in the County's name.

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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 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 2019, for the 2019 taxes, which will be materially collected in May and September 2020, was set at \$.340413/\$100 of assessed valuation. The levy set in October 2018, for the 2018 taxes, which were materially collected in May and September 2019, was set at \$.297212/\$100 of assessed valuation. The amount collected for the 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. The lid may be increased by 1% upon the approval of a three-fourths majority of the County Board.

4. Retirement System

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. 2018, Supp. 2019) 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. Non-vested County contributions are forfeited upon termination. Forfeitures are used to cover a portion of the pension plan's administrative expenses. Prior service benefits are paid directly by the County to the retired employee. The Plan's financial statements, including pension costs and obligations, are audited annually and can be obtained from the State of Nebraska Public Employees Retirement System.

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.

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4. Retirement System (Concluded)

For the year ended June 30, 2020, 74 employees contributed \$117,473, and the County contributed \$173,007. Contributions included \$6,385 in cash contributions towards the supplemental law enforcement plan for 16 law enforcement employees. Lastly, the County paid \$552 directly to seven retired employees for prior service benefits.

5. Risk Management

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 98 counties and local governments 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 for an additional contribution. 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	\$ 550,000	Statutory Limits
Property Damage Claim	\$ 250,000	Insured Value at Replacement Cost

The County has not paid any additional assessments to the pool or paid out any amounts that exceeded coverage provided by the pool in the last three fiscal years. There were no significant reductions in insurance coverage from the prior year coverage.

6. Interfund Transfers

Interfund transfers for the year ended June 30, 2020, consisted of the following:

Transfers to	Transfers from			Total
	General Fund	Road Fund	Nonmajor Funds	
Road Fund	\$ 1,131,901	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,131,901
Inheritance Fund	30,000	-	-	30,000
Nonmajor Funds	64,545	5,000	33,315	102,860
Total	\$ 1,226,446	\$ 5,000	\$ 33,315	\$ 1,264,761

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6. Interfund Transfers (Concluded)

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

In the year ended June 30, 2020, the County made a one-time transfer of \$31,056 from the 911 Wireless Service Fund to the 911 Service Holding Fund to set aside funds for future 911 projects, in accordance with requirements of the Nebraska Public Service Commission. The County also made a one-time transfer of \$1,159 from the 911 Wireless Service Fund to the 911 Emergency Management Fund to repay costs originally paid from the 911 Emergency Management Fund. The County made a one-time transfer of \$5,000 from the Road Fund to the Vacation/Sick Leave Claim Reserve Fund to pay the accrued vacation and/or sick leave earned to a terminated employee. Lastly, the County made a one-time transfer of \$1,100 from the 911 Emergency Management Fund to the 911 Emergency Communications Study Agreement Fund to repay costs originally paid from the fund.

7. Contingent Liabilities

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

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BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
GENERAL FUND
For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
RECEIPTS				
Taxes	\$ 4,160,698	\$ 4,160,698	\$ 3,727,243	\$ (433,455)
Licenses and Permits	21,500	21,500	27,063	5,563
Interest	14,000	14,000	14,067	67
Intergovernmental	308,622	308,622	553,194	244,572
Charges for Services	725,230	725,230	715,284	(9,946)
Miscellaneous	39,761	39,761	30,684	(9,077)
TOTAL RECEIPTS	5,269,811	5,269,811	5,067,535	(202,276)
DISBURSEMENTS				
General Government:				
County Board	82,197	82,197	79,056	3,141
County Clerk	146,379	146,379	141,719	4,660
County Treasurer	146,480	146,480	144,922	1,558
County Assessor	166,588	166,588	157,682	8,906
Election Commissioner	21,025	21,025	16,914	4,111
Clerk of the District Court	111,533	111,533	101,062	10,471
County Court System	5,250	5,250	1,746	3,504
District Judge	63,119	63,119	63,119	-
Building and Grounds	242,523	242,523	205,079	37,444
Agricultural Extension Agent	67,451	67,451	63,930	3,521
Co Bldg Annex - Multi Plex Bldg	36,300	36,300	20,339	15,961
Miscellaneous	1,033,056	1,033,056	884,090	148,966
Public Safety				
County Sheriff	1,139,371	1,139,371	977,684	161,687
County Attorney	157,667	157,667	148,169	9,498
Communications Center	289,821	289,821	288,072	1,749
County Jail	473,345	473,345	437,820	35,525
Emergency Management	147,322	147,322	145,115	2,207
Child Support	19,250	19,250	18,453	797
Public Assistance				
Veterans' Service Officer	19,400	19,400	19,400	-
Institutions	4,500	4,500	2,184	2,316
Relief	7,700	7,700	4,656	3,044
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	4,380,277	4,380,277	3,921,211	459,066
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS	889,534	889,534	1,146,324	256,790

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GENERAL FUND
For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers in	6,538	6,538	-	(6,538)
Transfers out	<u>(1,222,594)</u>	<u>(1,222,594)</u>	<u>(1,226,446)</u>	<u>(3,852)</u>
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>(1,216,056)</u>	<u>(1,216,056)</u>	<u>(1,226,446)</u>	<u>(10,390)</u>
Net Change in Fund Balance	(326,522)	(326,522)	(80,122)	246,400
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING	526,522	526,522	526,522	-
FUND BALANCE - ENDING	<u>\$ 200,000</u>	<u>\$ 200,000</u>	<u>\$ 446,400</u>	<u>\$ 246,400</u>

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NEMAHA COUNTY
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
MAJOR FUNDS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
ROAD FUND				
RECEIPTS				
Intergovernmental	\$ 1,185,500	\$ 1,185,500	\$ 1,198,209	\$ 12,709
Miscellaneous	-	-	39,605	39,605
TOTAL RECEIPTS	1,185,500	1,185,500	1,237,814	52,314
DISBURSEMENTS	2,586,881	2,586,881	2,331,095	255,786
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS	(1,401,381)	(1,401,381)	(1,093,281)	308,100
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers in	1,177,594	1,177,594	1,131,901	(45,693)
Transfers out	(11,538)	(11,538)	(5,000)	6,538
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	1,166,056	1,166,056	1,126,901	(39,155)
Net Change in Fund Balance	(235,325)	(235,325)	33,620	268,945
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING	235,325	235,325	235,325	-
FUND BALANCE - ENDING	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 268,945	\$ 268,945
INHERITANCE FUND				
RECEIPTS				
Taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 225,512	\$ 225,512
TOTAL RECEIPTS	-	-	225,512	225,512
DISBURSEMENTS	562,158	562,158	35,569	526,589
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS	(562,158)	(562,158)	189,943	752,101
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers in	30,000	30,000	30,000	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	30,000	30,000	30,000	-
Net Change in Fund Balance	(532,158)	(532,158)	219,943	752,101
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING	532,158	532,158	532,158	-
FUND BALANCE - ENDING	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 752,101	\$ 752,101

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MAJOR FUNDS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
COUNTY BUILDING FUND				
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
DISBURSEMENTS	874,535	874,535	874,535	-
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS	(874,535)	(874,535)	(874,535)	-
Net Change in Fund Balance	(874,535)	(874,535)	(874,535)	-
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING	874,535	874,535	874,535	-
FUND BALANCE - ENDING	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
ROAD BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT FUND				
RECEIPTS				
Intergovernmental	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,360	\$ 7,360
TOTAL RECEIPTS	-	-	7,360	7,360
DISBURSEMENTS	846,992	846,992	84,035	762,957
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS	(846,992)	(846,992)	(76,675)	770,317
Net Change in Fund Balance	(846,992)	(846,992)	(76,675)	770,317
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING	846,992	846,992	846,992	-
FUND BALANCE - ENDING	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 770,317	\$ 770,317
HIGHWAY BRIDGE BUYBACK PROGRAM FUND				
RECEIPTS				
Intergovernmental	\$ 265,000	\$ 265,000	\$ 261,965	\$ (3,035)
TOTAL RECEIPTS	265,000	265,000	261,965	(3,035)
DISBURSEMENTS	519,091	519,091	23,193	495,898
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS	(254,091)	(254,091)	238,772	492,863
Net Change in Fund Balance	(254,091)	(254,091)	238,772	492,863
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING	254,091	254,091	254,091	-
FUND BALANCE - ENDING	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 492,863	\$ 492,863

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BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
NONMAJOR FUNDS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
				Positive (Negative)
ROAD EQUIPMENT FUND				
Receipts	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 97,630	\$ 97,630
Disbursements	(100,000)	(100,000)	(100,000)	-
Net Change in Fund Balance	(100,000)	(100,000)	(2,370)	97,630
Fund Balance - Beginning	100,000	100,000	100,000	-
Fund Balance - Ending	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 97,630</u>	<u>\$ 97,630</u>
COUNTY VISITOR'S PROMOTION FUND				
Receipts	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 9,266	\$ (734)
Disbursements	(16,925)	(16,925)	(13,002)	3,923
Net Change in Fund Balance	(6,925)	(6,925)	(3,736)	3,189
Fund Balance - Beginning	6,925	6,925	6,925	-
Fund Balance - Ending	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 3,189</u>	<u>\$ 3,189</u>
COUNTY VISITOR'S IMPROVEMENT FUND				
Receipts	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 9,265	\$ (735)
Disbursements	(30,923)	(30,923)	(14,000)	16,923
Net Change in Fund Balance	(20,923)	(20,923)	(4,735)	16,188
Fund Balance - Beginning	20,923	20,923	20,923	-
Fund Balance - Ending	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 16,188</u>	<u>\$ 16,188</u>
PRESERVATION AND MODERNIZATION FUND				
Receipts	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 4,707	\$ (293)
Disbursements	(6,195)	(6,195)	(4,449)	1,746
Net Change in Fund Balance	(1,195)	(1,195)	258	1,453
Fund Balance - Beginning	1,195	1,195	1,195	-
Fund Balance - Ending	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,453</u>	<u>\$ 1,453</u>
VACATION/SICK LEAVE CLAIM RESERVE FUND				
Receipts	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Disbursements	(20,629)	(20,629)	(13,786)	6,843
Transfers in	10,000	10,000	10,000	-
Net Change in Fund Balance	(10,629)	(10,629)	(3,786)	6,843
Fund Balance - Beginning	10,629	10,629	10,629	-
Fund Balance - Ending	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 6,843</u>	<u>\$ 6,843</u>

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For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
				Positive (Negative)
DIVERSION PROGRAM STOP FUND				
Receipts	\$ 4,200	\$ 4,200	\$ 3,150	\$ (1,050)
Disbursements	(10,755)	(10,755)	-	10,755
Net Change in Fund Balance	(6,555)	(6,555)	3,150	9,705
Fund Balance - Beginning	6,555	6,555	6,555	-
Fund Balance - Ending	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 9,705</u>	<u>\$ 9,705</u>
DRUG COALITION FUND				
Receipts	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Disbursements	(227)	(227)	(227)	-
Net Change in Fund Balance	(227)	(227)	(227)	-
Fund Balance - Beginning	227	227	227	-
Fund Balance - Ending	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
FEDERAL DRUG LAW ENFORCEMENT FORFEITURE FUND				
Receipts	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ (10,000)
Disbursements	(10,000)	(10,000)	-	10,000
Net Change in Fund Balance	-	-	-	-
Fund Balance - Beginning	-	-	-	-
Fund Balance - Ending	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
CANINE (K-9) DOG FUND				
Receipts	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ (5,000)
Disbursements	(15,180)	(15,180)	(9,072)	6,108
Transfers in	10,000	10,000	10,000	-
Net Change in Fund Balance	(180)	(180)	928	1,108
Fund Balance - Beginning	180	180	180	-
Fund Balance - Ending	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,108</u>	<u>\$ 1,108</u>
FEDERAL CRIME GRANT FUND				
Receipts	\$ 2,400	\$ 2,400	\$ 1,350	\$ (1,050)
Disbursements	(3,792)	(3,792)	(2,292)	1,500
Net Change in Fund Balance	(1,392)	(1,392)	(942)	450
Fund Balance - Beginning	1,392	1,392	1,392	-
Fund Balance - Ending	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 450</u>	<u>\$ 450</u>

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NONMAJOR FUNDS
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	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
	(Positive (Negative))			
DISASTER FUND				
Receipts	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 280,088	\$ (1,719,912)
Disbursements	(2,060,916)	(2,060,916)	(44,588)	2,016,328
Net Change in Fund Balance	(60,916)	(60,916)	235,500	296,416
Fund Balance - Beginning	60,916	60,916	60,916	-
Fund Balance - Ending	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 296,416</u>	<u>\$ 296,416</u>
911 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND				
Receipts	\$ 275,000	\$ 275,000	\$ 24,995	\$ (250,005)
Disbursements	(348,626)	(348,626)	(23,190)	325,436
Transfers in	25,502	25,502	1,159	(24,343)
Transfers out	(2,500)	(2,500)	(1,100)	1,400
Net Change in Fund Balance	(50,624)	(50,624)	1,864	52,488
Fund Balance - Beginning	50,624	50,624	50,624	-
Fund Balance - Ending	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 52,488</u>	<u>\$ 52,488</u>
911 WIRELESS SERVICES FUND				
Receipts	\$ 48,488	\$ 48,488	\$ 48,488	\$ -
Disbursements	(45,500)	(45,500)	(16,273)	29,227
Transfers out	(2,988)	(2,988)	(32,215)	(29,227)
Net Change in Fund Balance	-	-	-	-
Fund Balance - Beginning	-	-	-	-
Fund Balance - Ending	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
911 WIRELESS SERVICE HOLDING FUND				
Receipts	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Disbursements	(174,787)	(174,787)	-	174,787
Transfers in	2,988	2,988	31,056	28,068
Net Change in Fund Balance	(171,799)	(171,799)	31,056	202,855
Fund Balance - Beginning	171,799	171,799	171,799	-
Fund Balance - Ending	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 202,855</u>	<u>\$ 202,855</u>
LAW ENFORCEMENT OPERATING FUND				
Receipts	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ -	\$ (2,500)
Disbursements	(10,552)	(10,552)	(7,981)	2,571
Net Change in Fund Balance	(8,052)	(8,052)	(7,981)	71
Fund Balance - Beginning	8,052	8,052	8,052	-
Fund Balance - Ending	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 71</u>	<u>\$ 71</u>

NEMAHA COUNTY
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
NONMAJOR FUNDS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
				Positive (Negative)
JAIL COMMISSARY FUND				
Receipts	\$ 6,500	\$ 6,500	\$ 5,903	\$ (597)
Disbursements	(11,118)	(11,118)	(2,871)	8,247
Net Change in Fund Balance	(4,618)	(4,618)	3,032	7,650
Fund Balance - Beginning	4,618	4,618	4,618	-
Fund Balance - Ending	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 7,650</u>	<u>\$ 7,650</u>
HOSPITAL BOND ACCOUNT FUND				
Receipts	\$ 348,502	\$ 348,516	\$ 348,516	\$ -
Disbursements	(755,519)	(755,533)	(755,533)	-
Net Change in Fund Balance	(407,017)	(407,017)	(407,017)	-
Fund Balance - Beginning	407,017	407,017	407,017	-
Fund Balance - Ending	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
911 EMERGENCY COMM. STUDY AGREEMENT FUND				
Receipts	\$ 47,500	\$ 47,500	\$ 1,719	\$ (45,781)
Disbursements	(49,780)	(49,780)	(26,360)	23,420
Transfers in	2,500	2,500	1,100	(1,400)
Transfers out	(25,502)	(25,502)	-	25,502
Net Change in Fund Balance	(25,282)	(25,282)	(23,541)	1,741
Fund Balance - Beginning	25,282	25,282	25,282	-
Fund Balance - Ending	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,741</u>	<u>\$ 1,741</u>
OTHER CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND				
Receipts	\$ 15,621	\$ 15,621	\$ 15,621	\$ -
Disbursements	(255,724)	(255,724)	(121,491)	134,233
Transfers in	-	-	49,545	49,545
Net Change in Fund Balance	(240,103)	(240,103)	(56,325)	183,778
Fund Balance - Beginning	240,103	240,103	240,103	-
Fund Balance - Ending	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 183,778</u>	<u>\$ 183,778</u>

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

For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

	Road Equipment Fund	County Visitor's Promotion Fund	County Visitor's Improvement Fund	Preservation and Modernization Fund	Vacation/Sick Leave Claim Reserve Fund
RECEIPTS					
Property Taxes	\$ -	\$ 9,266	\$ 9,265	\$ -	\$ -
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	-
Charges for Services	-	-	-	4,707	-
Miscellaneous	97,630	-	-	-	-
TOTAL RECEIPTS	97,630	9,266	9,265	4,707	-
DISBURSEMENTS					
General Government	-	-	-	4,449	13,786
Public Safety	-	-	-	-	-
Public Works	100,000	-	-	-	-
Culture and Recreation	-	13,002	14,000	-	-
Debt Service:					
Principal Payments	-	-	-	-	-
Interest and Fiscal Charges	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Projects	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	100,000	13,002	14,000	4,449	13,786
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS	(2,370)	(3,736)	(4,735)	258	(13,786)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)					
Transfers in	-	-	-	-	10,000
Transfers out	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	-	-	-	-	10,000
Net Change in Fund Balances	(2,370)	(3,736)	(4,735)	258	(3,786)
FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING	100,000	6,925	20,923	1,195	10,629
FUND BALANCES - ENDING	\$ 97,630	\$ 3,189	\$ 16,188	\$ 1,453	\$ 6,843
FUND BALANCES:					
Restricted for:					
Visitor Promotion	-	3,189	16,188	-	-
911 Emergency Services	-	-	-	-	-
Law Enforcement	-	-	-	-	-
Preservation of Records	-	-	-	1,453	-
Committed to:					
Law Enforcement	-	-	-	-	-
Road Maintenance	97,630	-	-	-	-
Future Compensation Benefits	-	-	-	-	6,843
911 Emergency Services	-	-	-	-	-
Other Capital Projects	-	-	-	-	-
Disaster Recovery	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	\$ 97,630	\$ 3,189	\$ 16,188	\$ 1,453	\$ 6,843

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

For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

	Diversion Program STOP Fund	Federal Drug Law Enforcement Forfeiture Fund	Canine (K-9) Dog Fund	Federal Crime Grant Fund
RECEIPTS				
Property Taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Intergovernmental	3,150	-	-	1,350
Charges for Services	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-
TOTAL RECEIPTS	3,150	-	-	1,350
DISBURSEMENTS				
General Government	-	-	-	-
Public Safety	-	227	-	9,072
Public Works	-	-	-	-
Culture and Recreation	-	-	-	-
Debt Service:				
Principal Payments	-	-	-	-
Interest and Fiscal Charges	-	-	-	-
Capital Projects	-	-	-	-
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	-	227	-	9,072
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS	3,150	(227)	-	(9,072)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers in	-	-	-	10,000
Transfers out	-	-	-	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	-	-	-	10,000
Net Change in Fund Balances	3,150	(227)	-	928
FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING	6,555	227	-	180
FUND BALANCES - ENDING	\$ 9,705	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,108
FUND BALANCES:				
Restricted for:				
Visitor Promotion	-	-	-	-
911 Emergency Services	-	-	-	-
Law Enforcement	-	-	-	450
Preservation of Records	-	-	-	-
Committed to:				
Law Enforcement	9,705	-	-	1,108
Road Maintenance	-	-	-	-
Future Compensation Benefits	-	-	-	-
911 Emergency Services	-	-	-	-
Other Capital Projects	-	-	-	-
Disaster Recovery	-	-	-	-
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	\$ 9,705	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,108
				\$ 450

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

For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

	911 Disaster Fund	Emergency Management Fund	911 Wireless Services Fund	911 Wireless Service Holding Fund	Law Enforcement Operating Fund
RECEIPTS					
Property Taxes	\$ -	\$ 24,995	\$ 48,488	\$ -	\$ -
Intergovernmental	280,088	-	-	-	-
Charges for Services	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL RECEIPTS	280,088	24,995	48,488	-	-
DISBURSEMENTS					
General Government	-	-	-	-	-
Public Safety	-	23,190	16,273	-	7,981
Public Works	44,588	-	-	-	-
Culture and Recreation	-	-	-	-	-
Debt Service:					
Principal Payments	-	-	-	-	-
Interest and Fiscal Charges	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Projects	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	44,588	23,190	16,273	-	7,981
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS	235,500	1,805	32,215	-	(7,981)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)					
Transfers in	-	1,159	-	31,056	-
Transfers out	-	(1,100)	(32,215)	-	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	-	59	(32,215)	31,056	-
Net Change in Fund Balances	235,500	1,864	-	31,056	(7,981)
FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING	60,916	50,624	-	171,799	8,052
FUND BALANCES - ENDING	\$ 296,416	\$ 52,488	\$ -	\$ 202,855	\$ 71
FUND BALANCES:					
Restricted for:					
Visitor Promotion	-	-	-	-	-
911 Emergency Services	-	52,488	-	202,855	-
Law Enforcement	-	-	-	-	-
Preservation of Records	-	-	-	-	-
Committed to:					
Law Enforcement	-	-	-	-	71
Road Maintenance	-	-	-	-	-
Future Compensation Benefits	-	-	-	-	-
911 Emergency Services	-	-	-	-	-
Other Capital Projects	-	-	-	-	-
Disaster Recovery	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	\$ 296,416	\$ 52,488	\$ -	\$ 202,855	\$ 71

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

For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

	Jail Commissary Fund	Hospital Bond Account Fund	911 Emergency Comm. Study Agreement Fund	Other Capital Projects Fund	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
RECEIPTS					
Property Taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 92,014
Intergovernmental	-	-	1,719	-	286,307
Charges for Services	5,903	-	-	-	10,610
Miscellaneous	-	348,516	-	15,621	461,767
TOTAL RECEIPTS	5,903	348,516	1,719	15,621	850,698
DISBURSEMENTS					
General Government	-	411,841	-	-	430,076
Public Safety	2,871	-	26,360	-	88,266
Public Works	-	-	-	-	144,588
Culture and Recreation	-	-	-	-	27,002
Debt Service:					
Principal Payments	-	340,000	-	-	340,000
Interest and Fiscal Charges	-	3,692	-	-	3,692
Capital Projects	-	-	-	121,491	121,491
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	2,871	755,533	26,360	121,491	1,155,115
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS	3,032	(407,017)	(24,641)	(105,870)	(304,417)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)					
Transfers in	-	-	1,100	49,545	102,860
Transfers out	-	-	-	-	(33,315)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	-	-	1,100	49,545	69,545
Net Change in Fund Balances	3,032	(407,017)	(23,541)	(56,325)	(234,872)
FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING	4,618	407,017	25,282	240,103	1,116,437
FUND BALANCES - ENDING	\$ 7,650	\$ -	\$ 1,741	\$ 183,778	\$ 881,565
FUND BALANCES:					
Restricted for:					
Visitor Promotion	-	-	-	-	19,377
911 Emergency Services	-	-	-	-	255,343
Law Enforcement	-	-	-	-	450
Preservation of Records	-	-	-	-	1,453
Committed to:					
Law Enforcement	7,650	-	-	-	18,534
Road Maintenance	-	-	-	-	97,630
Future Compensation Benefits	-	-	-	-	6,843
911 Emergency Services	-	-	1,741	-	1,741
Other Capital Projects	-	-	-	183,778	183,778
Disaster Recovery	-	-	-	-	296,416
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	\$ 7,650	\$ -	\$ 1,741	\$ 183,778	\$ 881,565

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NEMAHA COUNTY
SCHEDULE OF OFFICE ACTIVITIES
For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

	County Clerk	County Board	Clerk of the District Court	County Sheriff	County Attorney	Extension Office	Veterans' Service Officer	Total
BALANCES JULY 1, 2019	\$ 5,276	\$ 5,000	\$ 21,800	\$ 8,669	\$ 6,010	\$ 25	\$ 3,266	\$ 50,046
RECEIPTS								
Property Taxes	-	-	-	1,378	-	-	-	1,378
Licenses and Permits	1,130	-	-	760	-	-	-	1,890
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	48,043	-	-	-	48,043
Charges for Services	47,475	-	16,215	43,129	180	-	-	106,999
Miscellaneous	916	-	-	4,002	-	3	-	4,921
State Fees	47,410	-	12,529	628	-	-	-	60,567
Other Liabilities	-	-	216,544	78,898	10,708	-	-	306,150
TOTAL RECEIPTS	96,931	-	245,288	176,838	10,888	3	-	529,948
DISBURSEMENTS								
Payments to County Treasurer	47,740	-	15,642	80,529	270	3	-	144,184
Payments to State Treasurer	47,090	-	10,947	628	-	-	-	58,665
Other Liabilities	616	-	206,748	82,726	10,718	-	433	301,241
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	95,446	-	233,337	163,883	10,988	3	433	504,090
BALANCES JUNE 30, 2020	\$ 6,761	\$ 5,000	\$ 33,751	\$ 21,624	\$ 5,910	\$ 25	\$ 2,833	\$ 75,904
BALANCES CONSIST OF:								
Due to County Treasurer	\$ 4,133	\$ -	\$ 1,340	\$ 19,123	\$ 1,114	\$ -	\$ 2,833	\$ 28,543
Petty Cash	300	5,000	-	2,500	-	25	-	7,825
Due to State Treasurer	2,328	-	1,779	-	-	-	-	4,107
Due to Others	-	-	30,632	1	4,796	-	-	35,429
BALANCES JUNE 30, 2020	\$ 6,761	\$ 5,000	\$ 33,751	\$ 21,624	\$ 5,910	\$ 25	\$ 2,833	\$ 75,904

NEMAHA COUNTY
SCHEDULE OF TAXES CERTIFIED AND COLLECTED
FOR ALL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS IN THE COUNTY
June 30, 2020

Item	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Tax Certified by Assessor					
Real Estate	\$ 14,621,032	\$ 14,952,891	\$ 14,931,468	\$ 15,270,032	\$ 14,956,668
Personal and Specials	990,508	865,303	841,344	635,628	989,643
Total	<u>15,611,540</u>	<u>15,818,194</u>	<u>15,772,812</u>	<u>15,905,660</u>	<u>15,946,311</u>
Corrections					
Additions	9,071	5,968	4,539	-	19
Deductions	(8,496)	(10,332)	(10,715)	(4,448)	(5,273)
Net Additions/ (Deductions)	<u>575</u>	<u>(4,364)</u>	<u>(6,176)</u>	<u>(4,448)</u>	<u>(5,254)</u>
Corrected Certified Tax	<u>15,612,115</u>	<u>15,813,830</u>	<u>15,766,636</u>	<u>15,901,212</u>	<u>15,941,057</u>
Net Tax Collected by County Treasurer during Fiscal Year Ending:					
June 30, 2016	9,571,426	-	-	-	-
June 30, 2017	6,021,216	9,704,035	-	-	-
June 30, 2018	11,145	6,077,703	9,855,874	-	-
June 30, 2019	2,662	16,613	5,883,342	9,873,497	-
June 30, 2020	3,178	7,804	15,264	6,004,425	9,873,258
Total Net Collections	<u>15,609,627</u>	<u>15,806,155</u>	<u>15,754,480</u>	<u>15,877,922</u>	<u>9,873,258</u>
Total Uncollected Tax	<u>\$ 2,488</u>	<u>\$ 7,675</u>	<u>\$ 12,156</u>	<u>\$ 23,290</u>	<u>\$ 6,067,799</u>
Percentage Uncollected Tax	<u>0.02%</u>	<u>0.05%</u>	<u>0.08%</u>	<u>0.15%</u>	<u>38.06%</u>

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



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NEMAHA 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 Commissioners
Nemaha 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 Nemaha County, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Nemaha County's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated September 30, 2020. 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 Nemaha County Hospital, a component unit of Nemaha County.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Nemaha 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 Nemaha County's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control.

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. 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.

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. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. We consider the following deficiency in the County's internal control to be a significant deficiency:

- 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. Inadequate segregation of duties could lead to the misappropriation of assets or improper reporting. 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 Nemaha 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

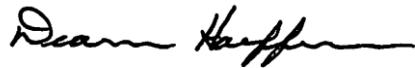
We also noted certain matters that we reported to the management of Nemaha County in a separate letter dated September 30, 2020.

Nemaha County's Response to Findings

Nemaha County declined to respond to the finding described above.

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.



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September 30, 2020



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September 30, 2020

Board of Commissioners
Nemaha County, Nebraska

Dear Commissioners:

We have audited the basic financial statements of Nemaha County (County) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020, and have issued our report thereon dated September 30, 2020. 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 ATTORNEY

Attorney Accounting Procedures

As of June 30, 2020, the County Attorney had a trust balance of \$4,796 but could not identify the recipients. Although the amount has slightly decreased over the years, this comment has been noted in the prior 10 audit reports.

Additionally, we noted the County Attorney's receipt records were not complete, accurate, and in agreement to the amounts deposited. The following issues were noted:

- Insufficient check collection fees and restitution, totaling \$10,418, were deposited into the County Attorney's bank account; however, no receipts were written for these deposits.
- Insufficient check collection fees and restitution, totaling \$141, were deposited into the County Attorney's bank account; although receipts were written, they were not recorded into Quicken, the accounting software system used by the County Attorney.
- One receipt was dated September 29, 2019; however, based on the date the amount was deposited, the receipt should have been dated August 29, 2019.

Good internal control and sound accounting practice require procedures to ensure that 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. Those same procedures should ensure also that all variances noted during such reconciliations are resolved timely, and receipt records are complete, accurate, and agree to bank records.

Without such procedures, there is an increased risk for loss, theft, or misuse of funds.

We recommend the County Attorney implement procedures for reviewing monies held in trust and remitting any balance that cannot be accounted for to the County Treasurer or State Treasurer, as appropriate. Additionally, those same procedures should ensure also that receipt records are complete, accurate, and agree to bank records.

COUNTY CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

Review of Overdue Case Account Report

During the audit, we noted that the Clerk of the District Court was not adequately reviewing the Overdue Case Account Report to ensure not only that the balances therein were proper, but also appropriate action was taken to collect or resolve any overdue balances noted. Four of six case balances tested, totaling \$7,771, did not have subsequent action taken by the District Court to ensure collection and/or resolution of the balances. As of July 10, 2020, the report contained 118 overdue criminal cases with a total amount owed of \$66,209. Of these 118 cases, only 12 cases had a current warrant or suspension issued for nonpayment.

Good internal control and sound business practices require procedures to ensure that the Overdue Case Account Report is reviewed on an ongoing, timely basis to determine what action should be taken to collect or resolve any overdue balances noted therein.

Without such procedures, there is an increased risk of loss, theft, or misuse of funds.

This was also noted in prior audits.

We recommend the Clerk of the District Court implement procedures to ensure the Overdue Case Balance Report is reviewed on an ongoing basis. Potential courses of action for follow up would include: 1) issuance of warrants; 2) judge's determination and order to waive certain costs, if allowable; or 3) declaration of certain balances as uncollectable.

Incorrect Coding

During the audit, we noted that filing fees and costs collected by the Clerk of the District Court in September 2019, totaling \$2,283, were coded improperly to the Fines and Licenses Fund; they should have been coded instead to the County General Fund. As a result, those funds were disbursed mistakenly to the County's school districts.

Good internal control and sound accounting practices require procedures to ensure that transactions are recorded accurately.

Without such procedures, there is an increased risk of the financial statements being reported inaccurately and funds being disbursed improperly, lost, or stolen.

We recommend the Clerk of the District Court implement procedures to ensure transactions are recorded accurately.

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 that 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. A lack of segregation of duties increases the risk of possible errors or irregularities; however, due to a limited number of personnel, an adequate segregation of duties may not be 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.

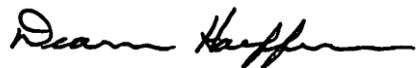
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It should be noted this report is critical in nature, as it contains only our comments and recommendations on the areas noted for improvement and does not include our observations on any strong features of the County.

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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Assistant Deputy Auditor