# AUDIT REPORT OF KIMBALL COUNTY

**JULY 1, 2019, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2020** 

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# KIMBALL COUNTY 114 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> St. Kimball, NE 69145

# LIST OF COUNTY OFFICIALS

At June 30, 2020

		Term
Title	Name	Expires
Board of Commissioners	Larry Engstrom	Jan. 2023
	Daria Anderson-Faden	Jan. 2021
	Brandon Mossberg	Jan. 2023
Assessor	Sherry Winstrom	Jan. 2023
Attorney	David Wilson	Jan. 2023
Clerk Election Commissioner Register of Deeds	Cathleen Sibal	Jan. 2023
Clerk of the District Court	Debra Diemoz	Jan. 2023
Sheriff	Harry Gillway	Jan. 2023
Treasurer	Cindy Rahmig	Jan. 2023
Surveyor	Donald Brush	Appointed
Weed Superintendent	Rick Wangler	Appointed
Highway Superintendent	Randal Bymer	Appointed
Planning & Zoning	Sheila Newell	Appointed
Emergency Manager	Ronald Leal	Appointed
Rural Transit Administrator	Christy Warner	Appointed



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#### KIMBALL COUNTY

#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Commissioners Kimball 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 Kimball 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** 

Governmental Activities
Discretely Presented Component Unit
Major Funds
Aggregate Remaining Fund Information

Type of Opinion Unmodified Adverse Unmodified 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 units of Kimball 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 Kimball 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, schedule of expenditures of Federal awards as required by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*, 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, schedule of expenditures of Federal awards as required by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*, and schedule of taxes certified and collected, pages 20-34, 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 March 25, 2021, on our consideration of Kimball 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 Kimball County's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

March 25, 2021

Deann Haeffner, CPA Assistant Deputy Auditor Lincoln, Nebraska

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# KIMBALL COUNTY STATEMENT OF NET POSITION - CASH BASIS

June 30, 2020

		vernmental Activities
ASSETS Cash and Cash Equivalents (Note 1.D) TOTAL ASSETS	\$ \$	3,838,385 3,838,385
NET POSITION		
Restricted for:		
Visitor Promotion	\$	21,150
911 Emergency Services		101,741
Drug Education		2,647
Preservation of Records		23,799
Child Support Enforcement		18,671
Aid and Assistance		3,991
Unrestricted		3,666,386
TOTAL NET POSITION	\$	3,838,385

# KIMBALL COUNTY STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES - CASH BASIS

For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

		Program Ca	Net (Disbursement)	
		Fees, Fines,	Operating	Receipts and
	Cash	and Charges	Grants and	Changes in
<b>Functions:</b>	Disbursements	for Services	Contributions	Net Position
<b>Governmental Activities:</b>	_			
General Government	\$ (2,251,601)	\$ 194,300	\$ 47,730	\$ (2,009,571)
Public Safety	(953,393)	17,459	-	(935,934)
Public Works	(1,343,699)	84,088	897,475	(362,136)
Public Assistance	(488,280)	83,137	930,019	524,876
Culture and Recreation	(89,642)	2,850	-	(86,792)
Debt Payments	(312,533)	-	-	(312,533)
Capital Outlay	(991,005)	-	-	(991,005)
<b>Total Governmental Activities</b>	\$ (6,430,153)	\$ 381,834	\$ 1,875,224	(4,173,095)
	General Receipts:			
	Property Taxes			3,247,391
		tributions Not Re	stricted to	
	Specific Progr			714,697
	Investment Inco			21,277
	Licenses and Pe	ermits		19,482
	Miscellaneous			82,050
	Total General Red	ceipts		4,084,897
	Increase in Net Po	osition		(88,198)
	Net Position - Beg			3,926,583
	Net Position - En			\$ 3,838,385
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# STATEMENT OF CASH BASIS ASSETS AND FUND BALANCES GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

June 30, 2020

	General Fund	Road Fund	Inheritance Fund	Road Sinking Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS							
Cash and Cash Equivalents (Note 1.D)	\$ 763,784	\$ 93,119	\$ 1,712,860	\$769,441	\$208,559	\$ 290,622	\$ 3,838,385
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 763,784	\$ 93,119	\$ 1,712,860	\$769,441	\$208,559	\$ 290,622	\$ 3,838,385
FUND BALANCES							
Restricted for:							
Visitor Promotion	-	-	-	-	-	21,150	21,150
911 Emergency Services	-	-	-	-	-	101,741	101,741
Drug Education	-	-	-	-	-	2,647	2,647
Preservation of Records	-	-	-	-	-	23,799	23,799
Child Support Enforcement	-	-	-	-	-	18,671	18,671
Aid and Assistance	-	_	-	_	-	3,991	3,991
Committed to:							
Law Enforcement	-	_	-	_	-	23,969	23,969
Road Maintenance	-	93,119	-	769,441	-	-	862,560
Aid and Assistance	-	_	-	_	-	57,667	57,667
County Buildings	-	-	-	-	208,559	-	208,559
Landfill	-	_	-	_	-	36,987	36,987
Assigned to:							
Other Purposes	-	-	1,712,860	-	-	-	1,712,860
Unassigned	763,784	-	-	-	-	-	763,784
TOTAL CASH BASIS FUND BALANCES	\$ 763,784	\$ 93,119	\$ 1,712,860	\$769,441	\$208,559	\$ 290,622	\$ 3,838,385

# 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	Road Sinking Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
RECEIPTS							
Property Taxes	\$ 3,027,560	\$ -	\$ 115,691	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 104,140	\$ 3,247,391
Licenses and Permits	17,297	2,185	-	-	-	-	19,482
Investment Income	18,966	-	-	-	-	2,311	21,277
Intergovernmental	418,929	806,702	-	90,773	597,420	676,097	2,589,921
Charges for Services	204,871	1,716	-	-	-	175,247	381,834
Miscellaneous	55,338	3,101				23,611	82,050
TOTAL RECEIPTS	3,742,961	813,704	115,691	90,773	597,420	981,406	6,341,955
DISBURSEMENTS							
General Government	1,984,697	-	26,029	-	-	240,875	2,251,601
Public Safety	882,424	-	-	-	-	70,969	953,393
Public Works	95,119	1,167,730	-	5,000	-	75,850	1,343,699
Public Assistance	46,378	-	-	-	-	441,902	488,280
Culture and Recreation	-	-	-	-	-	89,642	89,642
Debt Service:							
Principal Payments	-	-	-	-	-	270,000	270,000
Interest and Fiscal Charges	-	-	-	-	-	42,533	42,533
Capital Outlay	-	-	-	-	991,005	-	991,005
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	3,008,618	1,167,730	26,029	5,000	991,005	1,231,771	6,430,153
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF RECEIPTS	<u></u>						
OVER DISBURSEMENTS	734,343	(354,026)	89,662	85,773	(393,585)	(250,365)	(88,198)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)							
Transfers in	92,236	450,000	-	100,000	150,000	184,529	976,765
Transfers out	(754,882)	(100,000)				(121,883)	(976,765)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(662,646)	350,000	_	100,000	150,000	62,646	_
Net Change in Fund Balances CASH BASIS FUND	71,697	(4,026)	89,662	185,773	(243,585)	(187,719)	(88,198)
BALANCES - BEGINNING	692,087	97,145	1,623,198	583,668	452,144	478,341	3,926,583
CASH BASIS FUND BALANCES - ENDING	\$ 763,784	\$ 93,119	\$ 1,712,860	\$ 769,441	\$ 208,559	\$ 290,622	\$ 3,838,385

# STATEMENT OF CASH BASIS NET POSITION FIDUCIARY FUNDS

June 30, 2020

	Agency Funds		
ASSETS			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	291,590	
LIABILITIES			
Due to other governments			
State		106,414	
Schools		103,288	
Educational Service Units		1,047	
Technical College		7,114	
Natural Resource Districts		3,425	
Cemetery Districts		111	
Fire Districts		1,348	
Municipalities		19,815	
Airport Authority		1,112	
Agricultural Society		360	
Historical Society		137	
District Court Trust Balance		39,033	
Others		8,386	
TOTAL LIABILITIES		291,590	
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$	-	

#### 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 Kimball County.

### A. Reporting Entity

Kimball 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 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 Units. These financial statements present the County (the primary government). The Kimball County Hospital (Hospital) and the Kimball County Manor (Nursing Home) are component units of the County because of the significance of their operational and financial relationships with the County. The financial statements do not include the data of the Hospital or Nursing Home necessary for reporting in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). Complete financial statements of the Hospital and Nursing Home can be obtained from the Hospital's and Nursing Home's administrative offices.

#### Joint Organization.

Behavioral Health Region I – 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 I (Region) consists of the following counties: Sioux, Dawes, Box Butte, Sheridan, Scotts Bluff, Morrill, Garden, Banner, Kimball, Cheyenne, and Deuel.

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 \$17,057 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.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(Continued)

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

<u>Health Department</u> – The County has entered into an agreement with the Panhandle Public 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).

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 contributed \$275 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) (Cum. Supp. 2020). Financial information for the Department is available in that report.

Region 21 Emergency Management (Region 21) – The County has entered into an agreement with the governing boards of Cheyenne County, Garden County, Deuel County, and Morrill County to provide services to carry out the provisions of the Emergency Management Act (Act). Agreements were established under the authority of the Interlocal Cooperation Act for services to be provided under Neb. Rev. Stat. § 81-829.36 (Reissue 2014) et seq. The governing board for Region 21 is established by statute, and the agreement includes representatives from the participating member boards. Each member contributes to the financial support of Region 21 based on formulas developed by the agreement. Funding is provided by a combination of Federal, State, local, and private funding. The County contributed \$24,566 toward the operation of Region 21 during fiscal year 2020. In the event of termination of the agreement, assets would be disposed of in accordance with the terms of the agreement. Cheyenne County acts as the fiscal agent of Region 21.

#### **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 and Nursing Home. 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.

# 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 the following: 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.

**Road Sinking Fund.** This fund is used to account for the costs of necessary road and bridge construction and improvements, and is primarily funded by State receipts.

**Capital Projects Fund.** This fund is used to account for resources received and used for the acquisition and development of major capital improvements. This fund is primarily funded by grant reimbursements received from the Nebraska Department of Transportation.

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.

**Debt Service Fund.** The Welcome Center Bond Fund, Hospital Bond Fund, Courthouse/Road Building Bond Fund, and Manor Bond Fund account for the resources for, and the payment of, general long-term debt principal, interest, and related costs.

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(Continued)

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

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(Continued)

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

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-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 \$171,999 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.

**Excess of Disbursements Over Appropriations.** For the year ended June 30, 2020, disbursements exceeded budgeted appropriations in the Hospital Bond Fund by \$2,206. These over-expenditures were funded by interest earned. This interest was paid to the Hospital; however, these additional payments were not included in the budget.

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### 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 \$3,838,385 for County funds and \$291,590 for Fiduciary funds. The bank balances for all funds totaled \$4,116,598. 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.

#### 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 \$.445032/\$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 \$.425514/\$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. 2020) 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

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### **4. Retirement System** (Concluded)

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.

For the year ended June 30, 2020, 63 employees contributed \$88,400, and the County contributed \$131,828. Contributions included \$1,544 in cash contributions towards the supplemental law enforcement plan for three law enforcement employees.

### 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		Maximum
	Coverage		Coverage
General Liability Claim	\$ 300,000	\$	5,000,000
Workers' Compensation Claim	\$ 550,000	Statu	tory Limits
Property Damage Claim	\$ 250,000	Insu	ed Value at
		Repl	acement 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.

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#### **6.** Interfund Transfers

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

		General	Nonmajor					
Transfers to	Fund		Fund Road Fund		oad Fund		Funds	 Total
Road Fund	\$	450,000	\$	_	\$	-	\$ 450,000	
General Fund		-		-		92,236	92,236	
Capital Projects Fund		150,000		-		-	150,000	
Road Sinking Fund		-		100,000		-	100,000	
Nonmajor Funds		154,882				29,647	 184,529	
Total	\$	754,882	\$	100,000	\$	121,883	\$ 976,765	

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

In the year ended June 30, 2020, the County made a one-time transfer of \$100,000 from the Road Fund to the Road Sinking Fund to set aside funds for future projects. Additionally, the following transfers were made:

- \$22,415 was transferred from the Visitor's Promotion Fund to the Welcome Center Bond Fund to make the annual bond payments.
- \$20,000 was transferred from the Transit Service Fund to the General Fund to repay previous transfers.
- \$7,232 was transferred from the 911 Emergency Services Fund to the 911 Wireless Fund at the direction of the Nebraska Public Service Commission.
- \$2,908 was transferred from the Landfill Fund to the General Fund. Per Resolution 98-18, late fees assessed on delinquent landfill accounts are to be transferred from the Landfill Fund to the General Fund prior to the end of June each year.
- \$69,328 was transferred from the Ambulance Fund to the General Fund to close the Ambulance Fund, and transferred the remaining balance to the General Fund.

### 7. Capital Leases Payable

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

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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#### 7. Capital Leases Payable (Concluded)

	Ed	Road quipment	Ear	911 uipment	,	Sheriff Vehicles	A	2016 mbulance		Total
Balance July 1, 2019	\$	204,230	\$	7,880	\$	23,590	\$	83,116	\$	318,816
Purchases		200,862	·	-	·	39,846	·	-	·	240,708
Payments		82,757		7,880		9,295		41,268		141,200
Balance June 30, 2020	\$	322,335	\$	_	\$	54,141	\$	41,848	\$	418,324
Future Payments:										
Year										
2021	\$	80,272	\$	-	\$	27,564	\$	42,288	\$	150,124
2022		80,272		-		16,756		-		97,028
2023		80,272		-		11,895		-		92,167
2024		41,349		-		-		-		41,349
2025		37,710		-		-		-		37,710
2026-2030		18,855		-		-		-		18,855
Total Payments		338,730		_		56,215		42,288		437,233
Less Interest		(16,395)		_		(2,074)		(440)		(18,909)
Present Value of Future								· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
Minimum Lease Payments	\$	322,335	\$	_	\$	54,141	\$	41,848	\$	418,324
Carrying Value of the Related										
Fixed Asset	\$	404,944	\$	_	\$	72,499	\$	204,082	\$	681,525

#### 8. **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.

#### 9. **Long-Term Debt**

Manor Bond. The County issued bonds on May 30, 2019, in the amount of \$1,125,000 for the purpose of refunding the County's outstanding General Obligation Nursing Home Bonds, Series 2014. The bond payable balance, as of June 30, 2020, was \$1,125,000. 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. The County expects the Nursing Home to cover bond payments due. There was also remaining payments of \$65,000 principle and \$569 interest due in fiscal year 2021 for the 2014 Nursing Home Bond. Full disclosure can be found in the Nursing Home's audit report.

Future	Payment	ts:
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Year	Principal		Interest	Total
2021	\$	-	\$ 28,090	\$ 28,090
2022		75,000	27,415	102,415
2023		75,000	26,028	101,028
2024		80,000	24,515	104,515
2025		80,000	22,875	102,875
2026-2030		430,000	85,655	515,655
2031-2035		385,000	23,722	408,722
Total Payments	\$	1,125,000	\$ 238,300	\$ 1,363,300

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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# 9. <u>Long-Term Debt</u> (Concluded)

**Welcome Center Bond.** The County issued bonds on July 1, 2014, in the amount of \$205,000 for the purpose of paying the costs of acquiring and furnishing a building for the use as a welcome center for the County. The bond payable balance, as of June 30, 2020, was \$85,000. 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. The County expects the bonds to be paid from lodging tax receipts.

Future	Pay	ments:
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Year	Principal		]	Interest	Total		
2021	\$	20,000	\$	1,955	\$	21,955	
2022		20,000		1,495		21,495	
2023		20,000		1,035		21,035	
2024		25,000		575		25,575	
Total Payments	\$	85,000	\$	5,060	\$	90,060	

**Hospital Bond and Courthouse/Road Building Bond.** These bonds were paid off in full during fiscal year 2020.

# BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL GENERAL FUND

For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

	Original	Final		Variance with Final Budget Positive
	Budget	Budget	Actual	(Negative)
RECEIPTS				
Taxes	\$3,287,900	\$3,287,900	\$3,027,560	\$ (260,340)
Licenses and Permits	12,750	12,750	17,297	4,547
Interest	10,000	10,000	18,966	8,966
Intergovernmental	440,225	440,225	418,929	(21,296)
Charges for Services	182,650	182,650	204,871	22,221
Miscellaneous	274,500	274,500	55,338	(219,162)
TOTAL RECEIPTS	4,208,025	4,208,025	3,742,961	(465,064)
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b> General Government:				
County Board	66,465	66,465	60,939	5,526
County Clerk	181,908	181,908	170,691	11,217
County Treasurer	163,073	163,073	157,001	6,072
County Assessor	154,682	154,682	146,751	7,931
Election Commissioner	23,200	23,200	22,597	603
Building and Zoning	18,640	18,640	14,119	4,521
Human Resources	9,195	9,195	6,684	2,511
Clerk of the District Court	78,375	78,375	77,370	1,005
County Court System	4,750	4,750	3,734	1,016
Building and Grounds	191,969	191,969	156,806	35,163
Reappraisal	39,911	39,911	36,808	3,103
Agricultural Extension Agent	71,300	71,300	57,722	13,578
Employment Security	8,000	8,000	2,344	5,656
Grants	300,000	300,000	1,500	298,500
Miscellaneous	1,396,300	1,396,300	1,069,631	326,669
Public Safety				
County Sheriff	304,031	304,031	287,419	16,612
County Attorney	114,993	114,993	110,796	4,197
Dispatchers	243,000	243,000	216,369	26,631
County Jail	145,136	145,136	104,580	40,556
Emergency Management	29,500	29,500	24,566	4,934
Ambulance	149,750	149,750	138,694	11,056
Public Works				
County Surveyor	17,700	17,700	10,403	7,297
Noxious Weed Control	104,566	104,566	84,716	19,850
Public Assistance				
Veterans' Service Officer	46,447	46,447	38,376	8,071
Institutions	2,000	2,000	-	2,000
Relief	16,950	16,950	8,002	8,948
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	3,881,841	3,881,841	3,008,618	873,223

# KIMBALL COUNTY BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL GENERAL FUND

For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

				Variance with
				Final Budget
	Original	Final		Positive
	Budget	Budget	Actual	(Negative)
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF RECEIPTS				
OVER DISBURSEMENTS	326,184	326,184	734,343	408,159
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers in	695,500	695,500	92,236	(603,264)
Transfers out	(1,163,771)	(1,163,771)	(754,882)	408,889
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING				
SOURCES (USES)	(468,271)	(468,271)	(662,646)	(194,375)
Net Change in Fund Balance	(142,087)	(142,087)	71,697	213,784
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING	692,087	692,087	692,087	-
FUND BALANCE - ENDING	\$ 550,000	\$ 550,000	\$ 763,784	\$ 213,784

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# 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									
Licenses and Permits		50	\$	150	\$	2,185	\$	2,035	
Intergovernmental	717,00			717,000		806,702		89,702	
Charges for Services		50		650		1,716		1,066	
Miscellaneous	54,99			54,990		3,101		(51,889)	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	772,79	90_		772,790		813,704		40,914	
DISBURSEMENTS	1,332,82	23		1,332,823		1,167,730		165,093	
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF RECEIPTS									
OVER DISBURSEMENTS	(560,03	33)		(560,033)		(354,026)		206,007	
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)									
Transfers in	737,88	88		737,888		450,000		(287,888)	
Transfers out	(100,00	00)		(100,000)		(100,000)		-	
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING						<u> </u>			
SOURCES (USES)	637,88	88		637,888		350,000		(287,888)	
Net Change in Fund Balance	77,85	55		77,855		(4,026)		(81,881)	
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING	97,14	45		97,145		97,145		-	
FUND BALANCE - ENDING	\$ 175,00	00	\$	175,000	\$	93,119	\$	(81,881)	
INHERITANCE FUND	_								
RECEIPTS Taxes	\$ 90,30	00	\$	90,300	\$	115,691	\$	25,391	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	90,30		Ψ	90,300	Ψ	115,691	Ψ	25,391	
DISBURSEMENTS	1,063,49	98		1,063,498		26,029	1	,037,469	
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF RECEIPTS									
OVER DISBURSEMENTS	(973,19	98)		(973,198)		89,662	1	,062,860	
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)									
Transfers in		_		_		_		_	
Transfers out	(650,00	00)		(650,000)		_		650,000	
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING								· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
SOURCES (USES)	(650,00	00)		(650,000)				650,000	
Net Change in Fund Balance	(1,623,19	98)	(	1,623,198)		89,662	1	,712,860	
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING	1,623,19			1,623,198		1,623,198		-	
FUND BALANCE - ENDING	\$	_	\$		\$	1,712,860	\$ 1	,712,860	

# 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 SINKING FUND								
RECEIPTS Intergovernmental	\$	90,774	\$	90,774	\$	90,773	\$	(1)
TOTAL RECEIPTS	Ψ	90,774	Ψ	90,774	Ψ	90,773	Ψ	(1)
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DISBURSEMENTS		774,442		774,442		5,000		769,442
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF RECEIPTS								
OVER DISBURSEMENTS		(683,668)		(683,668)		85,773		769,441
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)								
Transfers in		100,000		100,000		100,000		-
Transfers out								
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)		100,000		100,000		100,000		
SOURCES (USES)		100,000		100,000		100,000		
Net Change in Fund Balance		(583,668)		(583,668)		185,773		769,441
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING		583,668		583,668		583,668		-
FUND BALANCE - ENDING	\$		\$		\$	769,441	\$	769,441
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND								
RECEIPTS	Ф	600,000	Φ	600 000	Φ	507.420	Φ	(2.500)
Intergovernmental TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$	600,000	\$	600,000	\$	597,420 597,420	\$	(2,580)
TOTAL RECEIFTS	-	000,000		000,000		397,420		(2,360)
DISBURSEMENTS		1,352,144		1,352,144		991,005		361,139
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF RECEIPTS								
OVER DISBURSEMENTS		(752,144)		(752,144)		(393,585)		358,559
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)								
Transfers in		300,000		300,000		150,000		(150,000)
Transfers out				-				
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING								
SOURCES (USES)		300,000		300,000		150,000		(150,000)
Net Change in Fund Balance		(452,144)		(452,144)		(243,585)		208,559
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING		452,144		452,144		452,144		
FUND BALANCE - ENDING	\$		\$	_	\$	208,559	\$	208,559

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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)	
CHILD SUPPORT - DISTRICT COURT FUND								
Receipts	- \$	_	\$	_	\$	_	\$	-
Disbursements		(46,932)		(46,932)		(30,271)		16,661
Transfers in		18,472		18,472		18,471		(1)
Transfers out		-		-		-		-
Net Change in Fund Balance		(28,460)		(28,460)		(11,800)		16,660
Fund Balance - Beginning		28,460		28,460		28,460		_
Fund Balance - Ending	\$	-	\$		\$	16,660	\$	16,660
CHILD SUPPORT - COUNTY ATTORNEY FUND	_							
Receipts	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Disbursements		(32,832)		(32,832)		(30,821)		2,011
Transfers in		31,011		31,011		31,011		-
Transfers out		-		-		-		-
Net Change in Fund Balance		(1,821)		(1,821)		190		2,011
Fund Balance - Beginning		1,821		1,821		1,821		_
Fund Balance - Ending	\$	-	\$		\$	2,011	\$	2,011
VISITOR'S PROMOTION FUND								
Receipts	- \$	51,750	\$	51,750	\$	46,543	\$	(5,207)
Disbursements		(55,375)		(55,375)		(44,095)		11,280
Transfers in		30,500		30,500		5,000		(25,500)
Transfers out		(30,500)		(30,500)		-		30,500
Net Change in Fund Balance		(3,625)		(3,625)		7,448		11,073
Fund Balance - Beginning		3,625		3,625		3,625		_
Fund Balance - Ending	\$	<u>-</u>	\$		\$	11,073	\$	11,073
VISITOR'S IMPROVEMENT FUND								
Receipts	\$	74,750	\$	74,750	\$	68,483	\$	(6,267)
Disbursements		(56,306)		(56,306)		(45,547)		10,759
Transfers in		50,000		50,000		5,000		(45,000)
Transfers out		(73,000)		(73,000)		(22,415)		50,585
Net Change in Fund Balance		(4,556)		(4,556)		5,521		10,077
Fund Balance - Beginning		4,556		4,556		4,556		
Fund Balance - Ending	\$		\$		\$	10,077	\$	10,077

# 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)	
PRESERVATION & MODERNIZATION FUND									
Receipts	- \$	6,500	\$	6,500	\$	5,538	\$	(962)	
Disbursements		(25,359)		(25,359)		(598)		24,761	
Net Change in Fund Balance		(18,859)		(18,859)		4,940		23,799	
Fund Balance - Beginning		18,859		18,859		18,859		-	
Fund Balance - Ending	\$		\$		\$	23,799	\$	23,799	
VETERANS' AID FUND									
Receipts	\$	-	\$	-	\$	1,013	\$	1,013	
Disbursements		(2,628)		(2,628)		-		2,628	
Net Change in Fund Balance		(2,628)		(2,628)		1,013		3,641	
Fund Balance - Beginning		2,978		2,978		2,978			
Fund Balance - Ending	\$	350	\$	350	\$	3,991	\$	3,641	
TRANSIT SERVICE FUND									
Receipts	\$	468,926	\$	468,926	\$	449,136	\$	(19,790)	
Disbursements		(469,359)		(469,359)		(441,902)		27,457	
Transfers in		30,000		30,000		70,000		40,000	
Transfers out		(30,000)		(30,000)		(20,000)		10,000	
Net Change in Fund Balance		(433)		(433)		57,234		57,667	
Fund Balance - Beginning		433		433		433		_	
Fund Balance - Ending	\$	-	\$	-	\$	57,667	\$	57,667	
STOP PROGRAM FUND									
Receipts	\$	5,000	\$	5,000	\$	1,350	\$	(3,650)	
Disbursements		(27,619)		(27,619)		-		27,619	
Net Change in Fund Balance		(22,619)		(22,619)		1,350		23,969	
Fund Balance - Beginning		22,619		22,619		22,619		-	
Fund Balance - Ending	\$	-	\$	-	\$	23,969	\$	23,969	
DRUG LAW ENFORCEMENT &									
Receipts EDUCATION FUND	- \$	50,000	\$	50,000	\$	_	\$	(50,000)	
Disbursements	φ	(54,647)	φ	(54,647)	φ	(2,000)	φ	52,647	
Net Change in Fund Balance		(4,647)		(4,647)		(2,000)		2,647	
Fund Balance - Beginning		4,647		4,647		4,647		2,0 <del>1</del> /	
Fund Balance - Ending	\$		\$		\$	2,647	\$	2,647	
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# BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL NONMAJOR FUNDS

For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

		Original Budget		Final Budget		Actual	Fin F	iance with al Budget Positive legative)
911 EMERGENCY SERVICES FUND								
Receipts	\$	15,620	\$	15,620	\$	13,808	\$	(1,812)
Disbursements		(59,975)		(59,975)		(12,129)		47,846
Transfers in		-		-		-		-
Transfers out		-		-		(7,232)		(7,232)
Net Change in Fund Balance		(44,355)		(44,355)		(5,553)		38,802
Fund Balance - Beginning		44,355		44,355		44,355		-
Fund Balance - Ending	\$		\$		\$	38,802	\$	38,802
911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND								
Receipts	- \$	46,000	\$	46,000	\$	46,225	\$	225
Disbursements		(81,501)		(81,501)		(26,019)		55,482
Transfers in		-		_		7,232		7,232
Transfers out		_		_		_		-
Net Change in Fund Balance		(35,501)		(35,501)		27,438		62,939
Fund Balance - Beginning		35,501		35,501		35,501		-
Fund Balance - Ending	\$	-	\$	-	\$	62,939	\$	62,939
WELCOME CENTER BOND FUND								
Receipts	<del>-</del> \$	_	\$	_	\$	_	\$	_
Disbursements		(113,000)	_	(113,000)	7	(22,415)	7	90,585
Transfers in		113,000		113,000		22,415		(90,585)
Transfers out		-		-		,		-
Net Change in Fund Balance								
Fund Balance - Beginning		_		-		_		_
Fund Balance - Ending	\$	-	\$		\$	_	\$	-
HOSPITAL BOND FUND								
Receipts	<del>-</del> \$	221,770	\$	221,770	\$	171,991	\$	(49,779)
Disbursements		(377,585)		(377,585)		(379,791)	•	(2,206)
Net Change in Fund Balance		(155,815)		(155,815)		(207,800)		(51,985)
Fund Balance - Beginning		155,815		155,815		207,800		-
Fund Balance - Ending	\$		\$	<del>-</del>	\$		\$	(51,985)
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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)	
MANOR BOND FUND	_								
Receipts Disbursements	\$	96,333 (96,333)	\$	96,333 (96,333)	\$	94,933 (94,933)	\$	(1,400) 1,400	
Net Change in Fund Balance		_		_		_		_	
Fund Balance - Beginning		-		-		_		-	
Fund Balance - Ending	\$	-	\$	-	\$		\$	-	
COURTHOUSE/ROAD BUILDING BOND FUND									
Receipts	- \$	_	\$	_	\$	_	\$	_	
Disbursements	·	(25,900)	·	(25,900)		(25,400)		500	
Transfers in		25,900		25,900		25,400		(500)	
Transfers out		-		_		_		-	
Net Change in Fund Balance		_		-		-		-	
Fund Balance - Beginning		_		_		_		_	
Fund Balance - Ending	\$	-	\$	-	\$		\$		
LANDFILL FUND									
Receipts	\$	74,750	\$	74,750	\$	82,372	\$	7,622	
Disbursements		(98,123)		(98,123)		(75,850)		22,273	
Transfers in		-		-		-		-	
Transfers out		(10,000)		(10,000)		(2,908)		7,092	
Net Change in Fund Balance		(33,373)		(33,373)		3,614		36,987	
Fund Balance - Beginning		33,373		33,373		33,373			
Fund Balance - Ending	\$		\$		\$	36,987	\$	36,987	
AMBULANCE FUND									
Receipts	\$	5,686	\$	5,686	\$	14	\$	(5,672)	
Disbursements		-		-		-		-	
Transfers in		-		-		-		-	
Transfers out		(75,000)		(75,000)	_	(69,328)		5,672	
Net Change in Fund Balance		(69,314)		(69,314)		(69,314)		-	
Fund Balance - Beginning		69,314		69,314	_	69,314			
Fund Balance - Ending	\$		\$		\$		\$		

# KIMBALL COUNTY BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL NONMAJOR FUNDS

For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

						Var	iance with
						Fin	al Budget
	(	Original	Final			I	Positive
		Budget	Budget	A	ctual	(N	Negative)
FEDERAL DRUG LAW ENFORCEMENT							
FUND							
Receipts	\$	50,000	\$ 50,000	\$	-	\$	(50,000)
Disbursements		(50,000)	 (50,000)				50,000
Net Change in Fund Balance		_	-		_		-
Fund Balance - Beginning			 		-		
Fund Balance - Ending	\$	-	\$ -	\$	-	\$	-

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

For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

	Child Support - District Court Fund	Child Support - County Attorney Fund	Visitor's Promotion Fund	Visitor's Improvement Fund	Preservation & Modernization Fund
RECEIPTS					
Property Taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 21,600	\$ 21,600	\$ -
Investment Income	-	-	-	-	-
Intergovernmental	-	-	18,000	40,415	-
Charges for Services	-	-	1,425	1,425	5,538
Miscellaneous			5,518	5,043	
TOTAL RECEIPTS			46,543	68,483	5,538
DISBURSEMENTS					
General Government	30,271	-	-	-	598
Public Safety	-	30,821	-	-	-
Public Works	-	-	-	-	-
Public Assistance	-	-	-	-	-
Culture and Recreation	-	-	44,095	45,547	-
Debt Service:					
Principal Payments	-	-	-	-	-
Interest and Fiscal Charges	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	30,271	30,821	44,095	45,547	598
EVCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF DECEMPS					
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS	(20.271)	(20.921)	2,448	22.026	4,940
OVER DISBURSEMENTS	(30,271)	(30,821)	2,446	22,936	4,940
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)					
Transfers in	18,471	31,011	5,000	5,000	_
Transfers out	-	-	-	(22,415)	_
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING				(22,113)	
SOURCES (USES)	18,471	31,011	5,000	(17,415)	_
bookels (csls)	10,771	31,011	3,000	(17,113)	
Net Change in Fund Balances	(11,800)	190	7,448	5,521	4,940
FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING	28,460	1,821	3,625	4,556	18,859
FUND BALANCES - ENDING	\$ 16,660	\$ 2,011	\$ 11,073	\$ 10,077	\$ 23,799
FUND BALANCES:					
Restricted for:					
Visitor Promotion	_	_	11.073	10,077	_
911 Emergency Services	_	_	11,075	10,077	_
Drug Education	_	_	_	_	_
Preservation of Records	_	_	_	_	23,799
Child Support Enforcement	16,660	2,011	_		23,177
Aid and Assistance	10,000	2,011	-	-	_
Committed to:	-	-	-	-	-
Law Enforcement					
Aid and Assistance	-	-	-	-	-
Landfill	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	\$ 16,660	\$ 2,011	\$ 11,073	\$ 10,077	\$ 23,799
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# COMBINING STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN CASH BASIS FUND BALANCES NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

RECEIPTS	Veterans' Aid Fund	Transit Service Fund	STOP Program Fund	Drug Law Enforcement & Education Fund	911 Emergency Services Fund	911 Wireless Service Fund	Welcome Center Bond Fund
Property Taxes	\$ 998	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,703	\$46,225	\$ -
Investment Income	ψ <i>)</i> // 0	φ -	φ - -	ψ - -	105	φ <del>4</del> 0,223	φ -
Intergovernmental	15	352,949	_	_	-	_	_
Charges for Services	-	83,137	1,350	_	_	_	_
Miscellaneous	_	13,050	-	_	_	_	_
TOTAL RECEIPTS	1,013	449,136	1,350	-	13,808	46,225	-
DISBURSEMENTS							
General Government	-	-	-	_	-	<del>-</del>	-
Public Safety	-	-	-	2,000	12,129	26,019	-
Public Works	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Public Assistance	-	441,902	-	-	-	-	-
Culture and Recreation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Debt Service:							20,000
Principal Payments Interest and Fiscal Charges	-	-	-	-	-	-	20,000 2,415
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		441,902		2,000	12,129	26,019	22,415
TOTAL DISDURSEMENTS		441,902		2,000	12,129	20,019	22,413
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS	1,013	7,234	1,350	(2,000)	1,679	20,206	(22,415)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)							
Transfers in	-	70,000	-	-	-	7,232	22,415
Transfers out		(20,000)			(7,232)		
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING							
SOURCES (USES)		50,000			(7,232)	7,232	22,415
Net Change in Fund Balances	1,013	57,234	1,350	(2,000)	(5,553)	27,438	_
FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING	2,978	433	22,619	4,647	44,355	35,501	_
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FUND BALANCES - ENDING	\$ 3,991	\$57,667	\$23,969	\$ 2,647	\$ 38,802	\$62,939	\$ -
FUND BALANCES:							
Restricted for:							
Visitor Promotion	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
911 Emergency Services	-	-	-	-	38,802	62,939	-
Drug Education	-	-	-	2,647	-	-	-
Preservation of Records	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Child Support Enforcement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aid and Assistance	3,991	-	-	-	-	_	-
Committed to: Law Enforcement			22.060				
Aid and Assistance	-	- 57,667	23,969	-	-	-	-
Landfill	-	<i>51</i> ,00 <i>1</i>	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	\$ 3,991	\$57,667	\$23,969	\$ 2,647	\$ 38,802	\$62,939	\$ -

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

For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

RECEIPTS	Hospital Bond Fund	Manor Bond Fund	Courthouse/ Road Building Bond Fund	Landfill Fund	Ambulance Fund	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
Property Taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14	\$ 104,140
Investment Income	2,206	φ -	φ -	φ - -	φ 14	2,311
Intergovernmental	169,785	94,933	_	_	_	676,097
Charges for Services	-	,,,,,,	_	82,372	_	175,247
Miscellaneous	_	_	_	-	_	23,611
TOTAL RECEIPTS	171,991	94,933	-	82,372	14	981,406
DISBURSEMENTS						
General Government	210,006	-	-	-	-	240,875
Public Safety	-	-	-	-	-	70,969
Public Works	-	-	-	75,850	-	75,850
Public Assistance	-	-	-	-	-	441,902
Culture and Recreation	-	-	-	-	-	89,642
Debt Service:						
Principal Payments	165,000	60,000	25,000	-	-	270,000
Interest and Fiscal Charges	4,785	34,933	400			42,533
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	379,791	94,933	25,400	75,850		1,231,771
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF RECEIPTS	(207.000)		(2.5. 4.0.0)			(270.247)
OVER DISBURSEMENTS	(207,800)		(25,400)	6,522	14	(250,365)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)						
Transfers in	-	-	25,400	-	-	184,529
Transfers out				(2,908)	(69,328)	(121,883)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING						
SOURCES (USES)			25,400	(2,908)	(69,328)	62,646
Net Change in Fund Balances	(207,800)	_	_	3,614	(69,314)	(187,719)
FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING	207,800			33,373	69,314	478,341
FUND BALANCES - ENDING	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 36,987	\$ -	\$ 290,622
FUND BALANCES:						
Restricted for:						
Visitor Promotion	_	_	_	_	_	21,150
911 Emergency Services	_	_	_	_	_	101,741
Drug Education	_	_	_	_	_	2,647
Preservation of Records	_	_	_	_	_	23,799
Child Support Enforcement	_	_	_	_	_	18,671
Aid and Assistance	_	-	_	_	_	3,991
Committed to:						,
Law Enforcement	-	-	_	_	_	23,969
Aid and Assistance	-	-	_	_	_	57,667
Landfill	-	-	-	36,987	-	36,987
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 36,987	\$ -	\$ 290,622

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# KIMBALL COUNTY SCHEDULE OF OFFICE ACTIVITIES

For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

	County Clerk	Ι	erk of the District Court	County Sheriff	ounty orney		ghway	sitor's	unty ulance	County Transit		Total
BALANCES JULY 1, 2019	\$ 12,652	\$	42,748	\$ 4,209	\$ 91	\$	150	\$ 1,275	\$ 50	\$ 12,293	\$	73,468
RECEIPTS												
Property Taxes	-		-	-	-		-	-	-	-		-
Licenses and Permits	650		-	495	-		2,185	-	-	-		3,330
Intergovernmental	-		-	-	-		-	-	-	917,313		917,313
Charges for Services	60,529		9,371	15,150	10		1,025	1,895	-	46,931		134,911
Miscellaneous	2,186		33	717	-		2,992	442	-	150		6,520
State Fees	29,461		9,349	-	-		6	19	-	-		38,835
Other Liabilities	 325		87,536	31,274	 70		_	 1,437	 			120,642
TOTAL RECEIPTS	93,151		106,289	47,636	80	1	6,208	3,793	 	964,394	1,	221,551
DISBURSEMENTS												
Payments to County Treasurer	64,273		14,808	16,785	100		6,252	3,424	50	973,097	1,	078,789
Payments to State Treasurer	29,112		8,817	-	-		6	19	-	-		37,954
Other Liabilities	 2,512		84,935	31,991	70			1,436	 -	210		121,154
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	95,897		108,560	48,776	 170		6,258	4,879	50	973,307	1,	237,897
BALANCES JUNE 30, 2020	\$ 9,906	\$	40,477	\$ 3,069	\$ 1	\$	100	\$ 189	\$ -	\$ 3,380	\$	57,122
BALANCES CONSIST OF:												
Due to County Treasurer	\$ 4,830	\$	1,344	\$ 1,469	\$ 1	\$	100	\$ 89	\$ -	\$ 3,180	\$	11,013
Petty Cash	2,540		100	1,600	-		-	100	-	200		4,540
Due to State Treasurer	2,536		1,130	-	-		-	-	-	-		3,666
Due to Others			37,903		 			_	 			37,903
BALANCES JUNE 30, 2020	\$ 9,906	\$	40,477	\$ 3,069	\$ 1	\$	100	\$ 189	\$ 	\$ 3,380	\$	57,122

# KIMBALL 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	\$ 8,801,345	\$ 8,334,425	\$ 8,239,684	\$ 8,177,497	\$ 8,452,639		
Personal and Specials	3,310,447	3,054,645	2,968,900	3,086,093	3,060,197		
Total	12,111,792	11,389,070	11,208,584	11,263,590	11,512,836		
Corrections							
Additions	4,130	6,857	3,402	2,568	5,474		
Deductions	(8,699)	(6,384)	(7,548)	(53,426)	(3,794)		
Net Additions/							
(Deductions)	(4,569)	473	(4,146)	(50,858)	1,680		
Corrected Certified Tax	12,107,223	11,389,543	11,204,438	11,212,732	11,514,516		
Net Tax Collected by							
County Treasurer during							
Fiscal Year Ending:							
June 30, 2016	7,286,876	_	_	_	_		
June 30, 2017	4,790,949	6,747,376	_	_	-		
June 30, 2018	17,746	4,613,292	6,622,065	_	_		
June 30, 2019	3,024	16,518	4,554,022	6,450,922	_		
June 30, 2020	2,536	4,359	15,701	4,729,317	7,746,375		
Total Net Collections	12,101,131	11,381,545	11,191,788	11,180,239	7,746,375		
Total Uncollected Tax	\$ 6,092	\$ 7,998	\$ 12,650	\$ 32,493	\$ 3,768,141		
Percentage Uncollected Tax	0.05%	0.07%	0.11%	0.29%	32.73%		

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

# KIMBALL COUNTY SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS

For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program or Cluster Title	Federal CFDA Number	Pass-Through Entity Identifying Number	Total Federal Expenditures
DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY			
Passed through Nebraska Military Department			
Disaster Grants - Public Assistance (Presidentially Declared Disasters)	97.036	unavailable	\$ 17,922
The LIVE Decree of the Live Street			17.022
Total U.S. Department of Homeland Security			17,922
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES			
Passed through Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services			
Child Support Enforcement	93,563	unavailable	43,401
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Total U.S. Department of Health and Human Services			43,401
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION			
Passed through Nebraska Department of Transportation			
Formula Grants for Rural Areas	20.509	unavailable	967,653
COVID-19 - Formula Grants for Rural Areas	20.509	unavailable	113,785
Total - Formula Grants for Rural Areas		:	* 1,081,438
Total U.S. Department of Transportation			1,081,438
TOTAL EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS			\$ 1,142,761

<sup>\*</sup> Represents Major Program

See accompanying Notes to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

#### KIMBALL COUNTY

# NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS

For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

# 1. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of Federal awards (Schedule) includes the Federal award activity of Kimball County (County) under programs of the Federal government for the year ended June 30, 2020, except as noted in Note 2 below. The information in this Schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of Kimball County, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes or net assets of the County. The County's reporting entity is defined in Note 1.A. to the County's financial statements. Federal awards received directly from Federal agencies, as well as those passed through other government agencies, are included in the Schedule. Unless otherwise noted on the Schedule, all programs are received directly from the respective Federal agency.

# 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the cash basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement. Negative amounts shown on the Schedule represent adjustments or credits made in the normal course of business to amounts reported as expenditures in prior years. Kimball County has elected to use the 10 percent de minimis indirect cost rate, as allowed under Uniform Guidance.



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#### KIMBALL 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 Kimball 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 Kimball County, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Kimball County's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated March 25, 2021. 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 Kimball County Hospital or Nursing Home, component units of Kimball County.

# **Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Kimball 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 Kimball 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 Kimball 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 Kimball County in a separate letter dated March 25, 2021.

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

Kimball 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.

March 25, 2021

Deann Haeffner, CPA Assistant Deputy Auditor Lincoln, Nebraska

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#### KIMBALL COUNTY

# REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM; REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE; AND REPORT ON THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE

Independent Auditor's Report

Board of Commissioners Kimball County, Nebraska

# Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

We have audited Kimball County's compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of Kimball County's major Federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2020. Kimball County's major Federal programs are identified in the Summary of Auditor's Results section of the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs. Kimball County's basic financial statements do not include the financial data of the Kimball County Hospital and Nursing Home, component units of Kimball County.

# Management's Responsibility

Management is responsible for compliance with the Federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of its Federal awards applicable to its Federal programs.

# **Auditor's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of Kimball County's major Federal programs based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance). Those standards and the Uniform Guidance require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major Federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about Kimball County's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance for each major Federal program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of Kimball County's compliance with those requirements.

# **Opinion on Each Major Federal Program**

In our opinion, Kimball County complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major Federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2020.

# **Report on Internal Control Over Compliance**

Management of Kimball County is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered Kimball County's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each major Federal program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for each major Federal program and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Kimball County's internal control over compliance.

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a Federal program on a timely basis. A material weakness in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a Federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a Federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of the internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

# Report on Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards Required by the Uniform Guidance

We have audited the financial statements of Kimball County as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020, and have issued our report thereon dated March 25, 2021, which contained an unmodified opinion on those financial statements. Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements, which collectively comprise the basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of Federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis, as required by the Uniform Guidance and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedule of expenditures of Federal awards is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole. The report notes the financial statements were prepared on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements.

March 25, 2021

Deann Haeffner Assistant Deputy Auditor Lincoln, Nebraska

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# KIMBALL COUNTY

# SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

# **Section I – Summary of Auditor's Results**

# **Financial Statements**

Type of report the auditor issued on whether the financial statements audited were prepared in accordance with cash basis of accounting:	Unmodified	
Internal control over financial reporting:		
Material weaknesses identified?	Yes X	None Reported
Significant deficiencies identified?	X Yes	No
Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?	Yes <u>X</u>	None Reported
Federal Awards		
Internal control over major programs:		
Material weaknesses identified?	Yes X	None Reported
Significant deficiencies identified?	Yes <u>X</u>	None Reported
Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major programs:	Unmodified	
Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a)?	Yes <u>X</u>	No
Major programs: Formula Grants for Rural Areas: CFDA #20.509		
Dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B programs:	\$750,000	
Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?	Yes X	No

#### KIMBALL COUNTY

# SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

(Concluded)

# **Section II – Financial Statement Findings**

# Finding # 2020-1

<u>Condition</u> - There is a lack of segregation of accounting functions among various County offices and

personnel. This is a continuing item from the prior year.

Criteria - Authorization or approval of transactions, recording of transactions, and custody of

assets should normally be segregated from each other.

Context - Various County offices collect money; most of those offices employ one or two

individuals. The offices remit the money to the County Treasurer.

Effect - This lack of segregation of duties results in an inadequate overall internal control

structure design.

<u>Cause</u> - The County does not employ sufficient office personnel to segregate properly accounting

functions.

<u>Recommendation</u> - The County should be aware of the inherent risks associated with improper segregation

of accounting functions. The County should also develop mitigating controls to reduce the risk of errors or fraud associated with the improper segregation of accounting

functions.

<u>View of Officials</u> - The County has discussed the finding but must consider the cost of adequate segregation

of duties when determining the use of tax money.

# Section III - Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs

# **None Noted**



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March 25, 2021

Board of Commissioners Kimball County, Nebraska

**Dear Commissioners:** 

We have audited the basic financial statements of Kimball County (County) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020, and have issued our report thereon dated March 25, 2021. 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 BOARD**

# **Publishing of Meeting Minutes**

Neb. Rev. Stat. § 23-122 (Reissue 2012) requires the County Board (Board) to publish, within 10 working days after the close of each meeting, "a brief statement of the proceedings thereof." Such statement must include "the amount of each claim allowed, the purpose of the claim, and the name of the claimant."

During the audit, we tested five County Board meeting minute publications and noted that none were published within the required 10 days. See the table below for the delays noted:

Meeting	Published	# of
Date	Date	Days
7/16/2019	8/15/2019	22
10/15/2019	11/14/2019	22
1/7/2020	1/30/2020	17
4/7/2020	4/30/2020	17
5/19/2020	6/11/2020	17

Good internal controls require procedures to ensure that the Board publishes the required information within 10 working days of its meeting, as mandated by State statute.

Without such procedures, there is an increased risk of failure not only to comply with § 23-122 but also to provide the public with timely notice of the County Board's activities.

We recommend the County Board implement procedures to ensure publication of a brief statement of its proceedings within 10 working days after the close of a meeting.

# **Claims and Payroll Issues**

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We noted the following during our testing of vendor claims and employee payroll:

- The County provided \$0.50 shift differential pay for dispatchers working the overnight shift; however, there was no formal documentation available to support this additional pay.
- We tested two credit card claims and noted that the claims included taxes on in-state hotel stays, as well as payments not supported by itemized receipts. Details of the items noted are included in the table below.

Date	Payee	A	mount	Issue Noted				
Claim 1200054								
11/5/2019	America's Best Value Inn (Lincoln, NE)	\$	8.48	Sales & Lodging Tax Paid				
11/7/2019	America's Best Value Inn (Lincoln, NE)		8.48	Sales & Lodging Tax Paid				
11/7/2019	Amigo's (North Platte, NE)		16.51	No receipt provided				
11/20/2019	Asian Buffet (Lincoln, NE)		36.68	Itemized receipt not provided				
11/21/2019	Nelly's Restaurant (St. Joseph, MO)		23.86	Itemized receipt not provided				
11/21/2019	La Quinta Inn (Lincoln, NE)		23.10	Sales & Lodging Tax Paid				
11/22/2019	Thai Chicken Bowl (Fort Smith, AR)		40.01	Itemized receipt not provided				
11/23/2019	Berry's Seafood (Florence, MS)		53.85	Itemized receipt not provided				
11/30/2019	Pizza Hut (Ogallala, NE)		10.69	Itemized receipt not provided				
12/1/2019	Days Inn (Ogallala, NE)		7.70	Sales & Lodging Tax Paid				
	Total Claim 1200054	\$	229.36					
Claim 11190238								
10/9/2019	Ramada Inn (Kearney, NE)	\$	32.95	Sales & Lodging Tax Paid				
10/23/2019	La Quinta Inn (Lincoln, NE)		24.78	Sales & Lodging Tax Paid				
11/2/2019	Buffet House Chinese (Grand Island, NE)		26.35	Itemized receipt not provided				
11/3/2019	IHOP (Lincoln, NE)		42.50	Itemized receipt not provided				
	Total Claim 11190238	\$	126.58					

Neb. Rev. Stat. § 77-2704.15(1)(a) (Reissue 2018) states, in relevant part, the following:

Sales and use taxes shall not be imposed on the gross receipts from the sale, lease, or rental of and the storage, use, or other consumption in this state of purchases by the state, including public educational institutions recognized or established under the provisions of Chapter 85, or by any county, township, city, village, rural or suburban fire protection district, city airport authority, county airport authority, joint airport authority....

Neb. Rev. Stat. § 13-610 (Reissue 2012) provides, as is relevant, the following:

- (1) A political subdivision, through its governing body, may create its own purchasing card program . . . .
- (4) An <u>itemized receipt</u> for purposes of tracking expenditures shall accompany all purchasing card purchases. In the event that a receipt does not accompany such a purchase, purchasing card privileges shall be temporarily or permanently suspended in accordance with rules and regulations adopted and promulgated by the political subdivision.

(Emphasis added). Good internal controls and sound business practices require procedures to ensure: 1) differential pay rates are supported by formal documentation; 2) sales and lodging taxes on in-state hotel stays are avoided; and 3) all credit card transactions are supported by itemized receipts.

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

We recommend the County Board implement procedures to ensure the following:
1) differential pay rates are supported by formal documentation; 2) sales and lodging taxes on in-state hotel stays are avoided; and 3) all credit card transactions are supported by itemized receipts.

# **COUNTY CLERK**

### **Imprest Account Pledged Collateral**

During the audit, we noted that the deposits in the vendor and payroll imprest banks accounts were not secured adequately for 67 days during the fiscal year. Unsecured deposits ranged from \$10,979 to \$528,647.

Neb. Rev. Stat. § 77-2395(1) (Cum. Supp. 2020) states, in relevant part, the following:

[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 provided a deposit guaranty bond or furnished securities, or any combination thereof, to the custodial official, and the total value of such deposit guaranty bond and the market value of such securities 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.

Good internal controls require procedures to ensure that public funds deposited in banks are protected fully by FDIC coverage or otherwise collateralized adequately, in accordance with statutory requirements.

Without such procedures, there is an increased risk of not only noncompliance with State statute but also loss of public funds.

We recommend the County Clerk implement procedures for monitoring bank balances closely to ensure that all deposits are collateralized adequately.

# COUNTY CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

#### **Monthly Financial Report Review**

We noted that the Clerk of the District Court was not adequately reviewing the Monthly Case Balance Report or the Overdue Case Account Report.

### Monthly Case Balance Report

We tested 10 balances held by the District Court and noted that two of those balances, totaling \$180, did not have timely action taken to resolve them. For both of those balances, warrants were issued in May 2016 and June 2018, respectively; however, no further action has occurred since.

### Overdue Case Account Report

We tested five balances that were past due to the District Court and noted that all of those balances, totaling \$5,438, did not have subsequent action taken by the District Court to ensure collection and/or resolution of the balances. The last activity on these cases ranged from 2006 to 2017.

As of January 29, 2021, the Overdue Case Account Report contained 182 overdue balances on criminal cases, totaling \$56,678. Of these cases, only seven had a current warrant or suspension issued.

Good internal controls and sound business practices require procedures to ensure that trust case balances and overdue amounts of the District Court are reviewed on an ongoing, timely basis to determine what action should be taken to collect, remit, and/or otherwise resolve those balances.

Without such procedures, there is an increased risk that balances may either not have proper follow-up action timely or have been previously resolved and should no longer be reflected in the accounting system. Additionally, without such procedures, there is an increased risk for the loss, theft, or misuse of funds.

We recommend the District Court implement procedures to ensure the financial reports are reviewed on an ongoing, timely basis. Potential courses of action for follow-up on overdue case balances include the issuance of warrants, a judge's determination and order to waive certain costs, if allowable, or declaration of balances as uncollectible.

# **COUNTY SHERIFF**

#### **Office Procedures**

During the audit, we noted the following issues with the County Sheriff's accounting procedures at June 30, 2020:

- The office was unable to provide documentation that a monthly asset-to-liability reconciliation was performed. Per the County Sheriff's office, such reconciliations were performed; however, they were not retained for subsequent review. Consequently, as of June 30, 2020, we noted a shortage of \$395 without support or other information to determine the cause of the variance.
- The County Sheriff issued 15 checks, totaling \$243, to replenish the Office's car wash petty cash fund and to purchase postage. These checks were issued from the bank account used to deposit fee collections. Because the balance of this bank account did not include any petty cash funds, the County Sheriff lacks authority to use fee collections to issue such payments. All fees received by the County Sheriff must be remitted in full to the County Treasurer.

Neb. Rev. Stat. § 23-1601(1) (Cum. Supp. 2020) provides the following:

It is the duty of the county treasurer to receive all money belonging to the county, from whatsoever source derived and by any method of payment provided by section 77-1702, and all other money which is by law directed to be paid to him or her. All money received by the county treasurer for the use of the county shall be paid out by him or her only on warrants issued by the county board according to law, except when special provision for payment of county money is otherwise made by law.

Sound accounting practices and good internal controls require procedures to ensure the following: 1) adequate reconciliation and balancing methods are utilized, including procedures to ensure office assets (cash on hand, reconciled bank balance, accounts receivable, etc.) are in agreement with office liabilities (fee and trust accounts) on at least a monthly basis; 2) proper documentation is maintained to support any reconciliations performed; and 3) petty cash funds are replenished only through claims approved by the County Board, and all fees collected are remitted to the County Treasurer.

Without such procedures, there is an increased risk for theft, loss, or misuse of funds, as well as errors occurring and remaining undetected more easily.

We recommend the County Sheriff implement monthly balancing procedures to ensure the performance of asset-to-liability reconciliations, and documentation of any reconciliations performed is maintained for subsequent review. We also recommend that petty cash funds are replenished only through claims approved by the County Board.

# **COUNTY VISITOR'S CENTER**

# **Office Procedures**

During the audit, we noted that the sales logs kept by the Visitor's Center to track the sale of gift shop items, consignment sales, and donations were not adequate. The logs did not indicate if the funds collected were deposited to the Visitor's Center bank account, remitted directly to the County Treasurer, or paid to the consignor. Additionally, the logs appeared to be incomplete and missing sales receipts and donations. As a result, we were unable to determine how much money should have been remitted to the County Treasurer and how much money should have been reimbursed to the consignor from the sale of items during the month.

We also noted that all money received by the Visitor's Center was not remitted to the County Treasurer and disbursed only upon claims approved by the County Board, as required by Neb. Rev. Stat. § 23-1601 (Cum. Supp. 2020). Instead, funds collected by the Visitor Center were used to make the following payments:

Purchase Description	Amount	
Donations	\$	500.00
Supplies & Other Expenses		448.00
Total	\$	948.00

Neb. Rev. Stat. § 23-1601(1) (Cum. Supp. 2020) provides the following:

It is the duty of the county treasurer to receive all money belonging to the county, from whatsoever source derived and by any method of payment provided by section 77-1702, and all other money which is by law directed to be paid to him or her. All money received by the county treasurer for the use of the county shall be paid out by him or her only on warrants issued by the county board according to law, except when special provision for payment of county money is otherwise made by law.

Further, Neb. Rev. Stat. § 23-3106 (Reissue 2012) states, in relevant part, the following:

The purchasing agent, under the supervision of the county board, or the county board, if there is no purchasing agent, shall purchase all personal property and services required by any office, officer, department, or agency of the county government in the county, subject to the County Purchasing Act.

Finally, good internal control and sounds accounting practices require procedures to ensure that adequate records are maintained to document all money received by the Visitor's Center. Such procedures should ensure also that all money received by the Visitor's Center is remitted to the County Treasurer, and purchases are made only through the claim and warrant process of the County Board.

Without such procedures, there is not only an increased risk for the loss, theft, or misuses of funds but also noncompliance with State statute.

We recommend the County Visitor's Center implement procedures for documenting all collections, ensuring all fees collected are remitted to the County Treasurer in accordance with § 23-1601, and permitting all expenditures to be made through the County Board's claim and warrant process.

### **COUNTY OVERALL**

# **Unclaimed Property**

During the audit, we noted that the following offices had checks that were outstanding for over three years and, therefore, qualified as unclaimed property required to be remitted to the State Treasurer.

- The Clerk of the District Court had three checks, totaling \$98, that were originally issued in fiscal years 2016 and 2017 but had not been remitted to the State Treasurer as unclaimed property.
- The County Attorney remitted nine unclaimed checks, totaling \$135, to the County Treasurer rather than to the State Treasurer.
- The County Board Vendor Imprest Account had three checks, totaling \$126, that were originally issued in fiscal years 2015 and 2017 but had not been remitted to the State Treasurer as unclaimed property.

Neb. Rev. Stat. § 69-1307.01 (Reissue 2018) states the following:

Except as otherwise provided by law, all intangible personal property held for the owner by any court, public corporation, public authority, or public officer of this state, or a political subdivision thereof, that has remained unclaimed by the owner for more than three years is presumed abandoned.

Neb. Rev. Stat. § 69-1310 (Reissue 2018) states, in relevant part, the following:

(a) Every person holding funds or other property, tangible or intangible, presumed abandoned under the Uniform Disposition of Unclaimed Property Act shall report to the State Treasurer with respect to the property as hereinafter provided.

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(d) The report shall be filed before November 1 of each year as of June 30 next preceding . . . . The property must accompany the report unless excused by the State Treasurer for good cause. The State Treasurer may postpone the reporting date upon written request by any person required to file a report.

Good internal controls require procedures to ensure that outstanding checks qualifying as unclaimed property are remitted timely to the State Treasurer.

Without such procedures, there is an increased risk of noncompliance with State statute.

We recommend the County implement procedures to ensure that checks qualifying as unclaimed property are remitted to the State Treasurer in accordance with State statute.

County Attorney's Response: I noted in the audit a statement about the County Attorney's office turned abandoned money over to the County Treasurer instead of the State Treasurer. I would note that we did that at the suggestion and request of our prior auditor.

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

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.

Sincerely,

Deann Haeffner, CPA

Assistant Deputy Auditor

Dear Harff