

**AUDIT REPORT
OF
PLATTE COUNTY**

JULY 1, 2020, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2021

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LIST OF COUNTY OFFICIALS
At June 30, 2021

<u>Title</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Board of Supervisors	Jerry Engdahl	Jan. 2025
	Kimberly Kwapnioski	Jan. 2023
	Frederick Liss	Jan. 2023
	Robert Lloyd	Jan. 2023
	Jerry Micek	Jan. 2025
	Ronald Pfeifer	Jan. 2025
	James Scow	Jan. 2023
Assessor	Tom Placzek	Jan. 2023
Attorney	Carl Hart Jr.	Jan. 2023
Clerk	Diane Pinger	Jan. 2023
Clerk of the District Court	Marlene Vetick	Jan. 2023
Public Defender	Timothy Matas	Jan. 2023
Register of Deeds	Diane Kapels	Jan. 2023
Sheriff	Edward Wemhoff	Jan. 2023
Surveyor	Thomas Tremel	Jan. 2023
Treasurer	Jennifer Reppert	Jan. 2023
Veterans' Service Officer	Eric Mullally	Appointed
Weed Superintendent	Mark Borchers	Appointed
Highway Superintendent	Mark Mainelli	Appointed
Emergency Manager	Timothy Hofbauer	Appointed
Election Commissioner	Connie Sebourn	Appointed



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PLATTE COUNTY

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Supervisors
Platte 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 Platte County, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements, as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

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

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

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above 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 Platte County as of June 30, 2021, 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 Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, 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 Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, and schedule of taxes certified and collected, pages 18-36, are the responsibility of management and were derived from, and relate directly to, the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 1, 2022, on our consideration of Platte 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* in considering Platte County's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



Pat Reding, CPA, CFE
Assistant Deputy Auditor
Lincoln, Nebraska

March 1, 2022

PLATTE COUNTY
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION - CASH BASIS
June 30, 2021

	Governmental Activities
<hr/>	
ASSETS	
Cash and Cash Equivalents (Note 1.D)	\$ 29,266,956
Investments (Note 1.D)	369,267
TOTAL ASSETS	<hr/> \$ 29,636,223 <hr/>
NET POSITION	
Restricted for:	
Visitor Promotion	\$ 946,887
Drug Education	3,324
Law Enforcement	1,130,980
Preservation of Records	91,171
Debt Service	1,528,116
Coronavirus Relief & Assistance	3,250,791
Child Support Enforcement	334,295
County Library	20,907
Unrestricted	22,329,752
TOTAL NET POSITION	<hr/> \$ 29,636,223 <hr/>

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

PLATTE COUNTY
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES - CASH BASIS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

Functions:	Cash Disbursements	Program Cash Receipts		Net (Disbursement) Receipts and Changes in Net Position
		Fees, Fines, and Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	
Governmental Activities:				
General Government	\$ (8,280,924)	\$ 1,230,249	\$ 4,121,351	\$ (2,929,324)
Public Safety	(6,578,318)	251,496	434,980	(5,891,842)
Public Works	(7,482,696)	88,556	4,656,368	(2,737,772)
Public Assistance	(311,258)	-	-	(311,258)
Culture and Recreation	(392,154)	-	-	(392,154)
Debt Payments	(5,205,338)	-	-	(5,205,338)
Total Governmental Activities	<u>\$ (28,250,688)</u>	<u>\$ 1,570,301</u>	<u>\$ 9,212,699</u>	<u>(17,467,688)</u>

General Receipts:

Taxes	14,922,389
Grants and Contributions Not Restricted to Specific Programs	2,144,817
Investment Income	279,032
Licenses and Permits	174,607
Bond Proceeds	4,230,000
Miscellaneous	271,820
Total General Receipts	<u>22,022,665</u>
Extraordinary Item (Note 11)	<u>(1,237,440)</u>
Increase in Net Position	3,317,537
Net Position - Beginning of year	26,318,686
Net Position - End of year	<u>\$ 29,636,223</u>

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PLATTE COUNTY
STATEMENT OF CASH BASIS ASSETS AND FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
June 30, 2021

	General Fund	Road Fund	Inheritance Fund	American Rescue Plan Act Fund	Nonmajor Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS						
Cash and Cash Equivalents (Note 1.D)	\$ 3,125,658	\$ 6,577,158	\$ 8,985,337	\$ 3,250,791	\$ 7,328,012	\$ 29,266,956
Investments (Note 1.D)	-	-	369,267	-	-	369,267
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 3,125,658</u>	<u>\$ 6,577,158</u>	<u>\$ 9,354,604</u>	<u>\$ 3,250,791</u>	<u>\$ 7,328,012</u>	<u>\$ 29,636,223</u>
FUND BALANCES						
Restricted for:						
Visitor Promotion	-	-	-	-	946,887	946,887
Drug Education	-	-	-	-	3,324	3,324
Law Enforcement	-	-	-	-	1,130,980	1,130,980
Preservation of Records	-	-	-	-	91,171	91,171
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	1,528,116	1,528,116
Coronavirus Relief & Assistance	-	-	-	3,250,791	-	3,250,791
Child Support Enforcement	-	-	-	-	334,295	334,295
County Library	-	-	-	-	20,907	20,907
Committed to:						
Law Enforcement	-	-	-	-	470,024	470,024
Road Maintenance	-	6,577,158	-	-	-	6,577,158
County Buildings	-	-	-	-	331,649	331,649
Diversion Program	-	-	-	-	355,886	355,886
Health Insurance	-	-	-	-	651,629	651,629
Disaster Recovery	-	-	-	-	1,463,144	1,463,144
Assigned to:						
Other Purposes	-	-	9,354,604	-	-	9,354,604
Unassigned	3,125,658	-	-	-	-	3,125,658
TOTAL CASH BASIS FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 3,125,658</u>	<u>\$ 6,577,158</u>	<u>\$ 9,354,604</u>	<u>\$ 3,250,791</u>	<u>\$ 7,328,012</u>	<u>\$ 29,636,223</u>

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PLATTE COUNTY
**STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS,
AND CHANGES IN CASH BASIS FUND BALANCES**
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

	General Fund	Road Fund	Inheritance Fund	American Rescue Plan Act Fund	Nonmajor Funds	Total Governmental Funds
RECEIPTS						
Taxes	\$ 10,540,383	\$ -	\$ 2,047,484	\$ -	\$ 2,334,522	\$ 14,922,389
Licenses and Permits	174,607	-	-	-	-	174,607
Investment Income	278,818	-	-	214	-	279,032
Intergovernmental	2,493,403	4,658,740	-	3,250,577	954,796	11,357,516
Charges for Services	1,373,765	88,556	-	-	107,980	1,570,301
Miscellaneous	107,850	40,116	22,974	-	100,880	271,820
TOTAL RECEIPTS	14,968,826	4,787,412	2,070,458	3,250,791	3,498,178	28,575,665
DISBURSEMENTS						
General Government	6,438,236	-	1,061,294	-	781,394	8,280,924
Public Safety	5,988,271	-	-	-	590,047	6,578,318
Public Works	109,765	7,349,358	-	-	23,573	7,482,696
Public Assistance	311,258	-	-	-	-	311,258
Culture and Recreation	-	-	-	-	392,154	392,154
Debt Service:						
Principal Payments	-	4,230,000	-	-	921,017	5,151,017
Interest and Fiscal Charges	-	-	-	-	54,321	54,321
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	12,847,530	11,579,358	1,061,294	-	2,762,506	28,250,688
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS	2,121,296	(6,791,946)	1,009,164	3,250,791	735,672	324,977
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)						
Transfers in	1,007,255	3,755,200	143,000	-	340,830	5,246,285
Transfers out	(2,575,618)	-	(2,518,500)	-	(152,167)	(5,246,285)
Bond Proceeds	-	4,230,000	-	-	-	4,230,000
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(1,568,363)	7,985,200	(2,375,500)	-	188,663	4,230,000
EXTRAORDINARY ITEM	-	-	(1,237,440)	-	-	(1,237,440)
Net Change in Fund Balances	552,933	1,193,254	(2,603,776)	3,250,791	924,335	3,317,537
CASH BASIS FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING	2,572,725	5,383,904	11,958,380	-	6,403,677	26,318,686
CASH BASIS FUND BALANCES - ENDING	\$ 3,125,658	\$ 6,577,158	\$ 9,354,604	\$ 3,250,791	\$ 7,328,012	\$ 29,636,223

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

PLATTE COUNTY
**STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS,
AND CHANGES IN CASH BASIS FUND BALANCES**
FIDUCIARY FUNDS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

	Custodial Fund Balances July 1, 2020 (as restated)	Receipts	Disbursements	Custodial Fund Balances June 30, 2021
ASSETS				
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 2,747,549	\$86,438,238	\$ 86,622,463	\$ 2,563,324
LIABILITIES				
Due to other governments				
State - Collected by County Treasurer	1,025,820	10,728,835	10,846,642	908,013
State - Collected by Other Offices	37,331	520,701	481,547	76,485
Schools	831,834	53,099,465	53,096,647	834,652
Educational Service Units	7,392	847,351	847,205	7,538
Technical College	45,939	5,243,088	5,242,650	46,377
Natural Resource Districts	17,097	1,767,979	1,770,216	14,860
Fire Districts	8,501	702,556	703,281	7,776
Municipalities	164,062	7,700,679	7,698,050	166,691
Agricultural Society	4,031	540,013	538,896	5,148
Townships	47,535	1,190,318	1,193,391	44,462
Sanitary and Improvement Districts	212,942	547,802	542,869	217,875
Others - Collected by County Treasurer	250,492	1,764,134	1,934,228	80,398
Others - Collected by Other Offices	94,573	1,785,317	1,726,841	153,049
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>2,747,549</u>	<u>86,438,238</u>	<u>86,622,463</u>	<u>2,563,324</u>
TOTAL NET POSITION	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

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

PLATTE COUNTY

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021

1. **Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

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

A. Reporting Entity

Platte County, Nebraska, (County) is a governmental entity established under and governed by the laws of the State of Nebraska (State). The County is managed by county officials who are elected on a political ballot for four-year terms. As a political subdivision of the State, the County is exempt from State and Federal income taxes. The financial statements include all funds of the County that are not legally separate. The County has also considered all potential component units for which it is financially accountable, as well as other organizations that are either fiscally dependent on the County or maintain a significant relationship with the County, such that exclusion would be misleading or incomplete. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. These criteria include appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body, and (1) the ability of the County to impose its will on that organization, or (2) the potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to, or impose specific financial burdens on, the County. The County is also considered financially accountable if an organization is fiscally dependent on and there is potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to, or impose specific financial burdens on, the County regardless of whether the organization has (1) a separately elected governing board, (2) a governing board appointed by a higher level of government, or (3) a jointly appointed board.

As required by Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), these financial statements present the County (the primary government). No component units were identified.

Joint Organization.

Behavioral Health Region IV – 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 IV (Region) consists of the following counties: Cherry, Keya Paha, Boyd, Brown, Rock, Holt, Knox, Cedar, Dixon, Dakota, Thurston, Wayne, Pierce, Antelope, Boone, Nance, Madison, Stanton, Cuming, Burt, Colfax, and Platte.

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 \$122,524 toward the operation of the Region during fiscal year 2021. In the event of the termination of the agreement, assets would be disposed of in accordance with the terms of the agreement. The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services requires the Region to be audited annually in accordance with State statute. Financial information for the Region is available in those audit reports.

Health Department – The County has entered into an agreement with the East Central Health Department (Department) to provide public health services. The agreement was established under authority of the Interlocal Cooperation Act for services to be provided per Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 71-1626 to 71-1636 (Reissue 2018).

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(Continued)

1. **Summary of Significant Accounting Policies** (Continued)

The Department's governing board is established by statute and includes representatives from the participating county boards and the health profession. Funding is provided by a combination of Federal, State, local, and private funding. The County did not contribute toward the operation of the Department during fiscal year 2021. 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) (Supp. 2021). Financial information for the Department is available in that report.

Probation Office – The County has entered into an agreement with 10 surrounding counties to operate a probation office. Participating counties are: Boone, Butler, Colfax, Hamilton, Merrick, Nance, Polk, Saunders, Seward, and York. The County pays for the operating costs of the office and is reimbursed by other participating counties. The budget for the office in fiscal year 2021 was \$250,920 and is reflected in the financial statements as a non-major fund. The County's portion of operating the office was \$63,985.

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

Restricted. This category results when constraints are externally imposed on net asset use by creditors, grantors, or contributors, or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the County's policy to use restricted resources first, then the unrestricted resources as they are needed.

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

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct disbursement of a given function or segment is offset by program receipts. Direct disbursements are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program receipts include the following: 1) charges to customers or applicants 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

PLATTE COUNTY

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(Continued)

1. **Summary of Significant Accounting Policies** (Continued)

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.

American Rescue Plan Act Fund. This fund is used to account for aid received from the American Rescue Plan Act and is used for coronavirus aid and assistance in accordance with Federal guidelines.

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.

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

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

The County designates fund balances as 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.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(Continued)

1. **Summary of Significant Accounting Policies** (Continued)

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, certificates of deposits, 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 and securities, which are authorized by the Nebraska Investment Council.

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

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

Compensated Absences. Vested or accumulated vacation leave that is liquidated with expendable available financial resources is reported as a disbursement of the County funds as paid. Upon termination, employees are paid for any unused vacation. Under the receipts and disbursements basis of accounting, the liabilities for compensated absences are not reported since they do not represent liabilities arising from cash transactions. Under GAAP, the compensated absences liability would be reported in the government-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.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(Continued)

1. **Summary of Significant Accounting Policies** (Concluded)

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 \$7,306,471 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, 2021, disbursements exceeded budgeted appropriations in the Drug Law Enforcement & Education Fund by \$1,016 and the Federal Grant Fund by \$32. These over-expenditures were funded by greater than anticipated receipts.

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 \$29,266,956 for County funds and \$2,563,324 for Fiduciary funds. The bank balances for all funds totaled \$31,588,593. For purposes of classifying categories of custodial risk, the bank balances of the County's deposits, as of June 30, 2021, were either entirely insured or collateralized with securities held by the County's agent in the County's name.

The County's carrying value of investments is stated at cost, which approximates market. Investments consisted of \$369,267 deposited in the Nebraska Public Agency Investment Trust (NPAIT). NPAIT is a public entity investment pool operated under the direction of a nine-member Board of Trustees. All net income of the trust is determined as of the close of business on each banking day and is credited thereafter pro rata to each participant's account. Net income that has accrued to each participant is converted as of the close of business of each calendar month into additional units, which thereafter are held in each participant's trust account. Since net income of the fund is allocated among participants each time net income is determined, the net asset value remains at \$1.00 per unit. Securities held by NPAIT are not held in the County's name.

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3. **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 2020, for the 2020 taxes, which will be materially collected in May and September 2021, was set at \$.210538/\$100 of assessed valuation. The levy set in October 2019, for the 2019 taxes, which were materially collected in May and September 2020, was set at \$.207864/\$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.

The tax receipts classification also contains collections from the assessment of inheritance taxes, occupation taxes, and lodging taxes.

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

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

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4. **Retirement System** (Concluded)

For the year ended June 30, 2021, 204 employees contributed \$354,576, and the County contributed \$525,434. Contributions included \$12,730 in cash contributions towards the supplemental law enforcement plan for 25 law enforcement employees. Lastly, the County paid \$408 directly to five retired employees for prior service benefits.

5. **Risk Management**

The County is exposed to various risks of loss related to the following: torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The County is a member of the Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association (NIRMA), a public entity risk pool currently operating as a common risk management and insurance program for 104 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 the county's withdrawal from participation or the termination of the agreement, as well as for liabilities of the pool incurred during the county's period of membership.

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

	NIRMA Coverage	Maximum Coverage
General Liability Claim	\$ 300,000	\$ 5,000,000
Workers' Compensation Claim	\$ 550,000	Statutory Limits
Property Damage Claim	\$ 250,000	Insured Value at Replacement Cost

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

6. **Interfund Transfers**

Interfund transfers for the year ended June 30, 2021, consisted of the following:

Transfers to	Transfers from			Total
	General Fund	Inheritance Fund	Nonmajor Funds	
General Fund	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 7,255	\$ 1,007,255
Road Fund	2,255,200	1,500,000	-	3,755,200
Inheritance Fund	-	-	143,000	143,000
Nonmajor Funds	320,418	18,500	1,912	340,830
Total	<u>\$ 2,575,618</u>	<u>\$ 2,518,500</u>	<u>\$ 152,167</u>	<u>\$ 5,246,285</u>

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6. **Interfund Transfers** (Concluded)

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

In the year ended June 30, 2021, the County made a one-time transfer of \$7,255 from the Visitor Promotion Fund to the General Fund to reimburse for benefits for the Visitor Bureau Director. During the fiscal year, the County made a one-time transfer of \$143,000 from the District Probation Fund to the Inheritance Fund to pay the County for building rent for the probation office. Lastly, the County made a one-time transfer of \$1,912 from the Drug Law Enforcement & Education Fund to the Law Enforcement Equipment Fund to correct a disbursement coding error from February 2019.

7. **Long-Term Obligations**

Bonds

The County issued bonds on November 17, 2020, in the amount of \$4,230,000 for the purpose of refunding the County's General Obligation Highway Allocation Fund Pledge Bonds, Series 2014, dated October 29, 2014, and refunding the County's Recovery Zone Economic Development General Obligation Highway Allocation Fund Bonds, Series 2010, dated December 23, 2010. The bond payable balance, as of June 30, 2021, was \$4,230,000. The County has the ability to levy taxes as necessary to cover the annual required principal and interest payments over the term of these bonds. Future tax resources and highway allocation funds will be used to pay off the bonds.

Future Payments:

Year	Principal	Interest	Total
2022	\$ 995,000	\$ 19,257	\$ 1,014,257
2023	995,000	15,029	1,010,029
2024	995,000	10,302	1,005,302
2025	900,000	5,115	905,115
2026	345,000	1,208	346,208
Total Payments	\$ 4,230,000	\$ 50,911	\$ 4,280,911

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. **Road Improvement District 4**

The County approved a resolution in October 2016 to finance the construction of a special road improvement project. Property benefiting from the improvement was assessed a special assessment per lot. Each property owner was given 50 days to pay the amount in full or was allowed to make payments over a 10-year period with 5.5% interest. The County paid for the \$423,696 cost of the project from the Inheritance Fund. As of June 30, 2021, there was an uncollected balance of \$43,250.

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10. Platte County Historical Society

During the fiscal year, the Platte County Historical Society received \$70,000 of funding from the County per Neb. Rev. Stat. § 23-355.01(2) (Reissue 2012). Of this balance, the Platte County Historical Society spent \$69,805. The bank and investment balances of the Platte County Historical Society were not included in the financial statements as it is a separate non-profit organization.

11. Extraordinary Item

In February 2021, the County Treasurer's First National Bank checking account number was used to perpetrate an alleged theft, in which multiple unauthorized transactions were withdrawn from the bank account. Several of these withdrawals were reversed and the funds were returned to the bank account. As of June 30, 2021, a remaining balance of \$1,237,440.56 was still outstanding. This balance was included in the financial statements as an adjustment to the Inheritance Fund. The County also received a payout from its insurance policy, totaling \$100,000, in September 2021. Further, the County has initiated litigation in an effort to recover the remaining funds.

12. Prior Period Adjustment

The beginning balances were increased by \$131,904 on the Fiduciary Fund Statement of Cash Receipts, Disbursements, and Changes in Cash Basis Fund Balances from the balances reported in the County's fiscal year 2020 financial statements. These adjustments were made to report the monies held by County officials other than the County Treasurer.

PLATTE COUNTY
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
GENERAL FUND

For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
RECEIPTS				
Taxes	\$ 12,272,118	\$ 12,272,118	\$ 10,540,383	\$ (1,731,735)
Licenses and Permits	119,925	119,925	174,607	54,682
Investment Income	350,001	350,001	278,818	(71,183)
Intergovernmental	1,100,000	1,100,000	2,493,403	1,393,403
Charges for Services	1,136,200	1,136,200	1,373,765	237,565
Miscellaneous	93,000	93,000	107,850	14,850
TOTAL RECEIPTS	15,071,244	15,071,244	14,968,826	(102,418)
DISBURSEMENTS				
General Government:				
County Board	225,765	225,765	132,968	92,797
County Clerk	212,883	212,883	210,947	1,936
County Treasurer	427,842	427,842	394,159	33,683
Register of Deeds	214,714	214,714	212,165	2,549
County Assessor	349,804	349,804	339,390	10,414
Election Commissioner	158,905	176,130	176,130	-
Clerk of the District Court	410,302	410,302	384,478	25,824
County Court System	445,500	445,500	262,811	182,689
Public Defender	221,435	222,807	222,807	-
Building and Grounds	677,958	677,958	493,989	183,969
Agricultural Extension Agent	165,769	165,769	165,526	243
Miscellaneous	4,733,856	4,715,259	3,442,866	1,272,393
Public Safety				
County Sheriff	1,664,900	1,664,900	1,536,042	128,858
County Attorney	507,746	507,746	507,692	54
Communication Center	1,650,000	1,650,000	1,371,664	278,336
County Jail	2,665,450	2,665,450	2,412,817	252,633
Emergency Management	168,309	168,309	160,056	8,253
Flood Control	39,657	39,657	-	39,657
Public Works				
County Surveyor	44,490	44,490	44,369	121
Noxious Weed Control	84,160	84,160	65,396	18,764
Bridge/Road Construction	2,250,000	2,250,000	-	2,250,000
Public Assistance				
Veterans' Service Officer	127,070	127,070	109,561	17,509
Institutions	229,539	229,539	146,924	82,615
Relief	58,370	58,370	54,773	3,597
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	17,734,424	17,734,424	12,847,530	4,886,894

PLATTE COUNTY
**BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
GENERAL FUND**

For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS	(2,663,180)	(2,663,180)	2,121,296	4,784,476
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers in	1,007,255	1,007,255	1,007,255	-
Transfers out	(325,586)	(325,586)	(2,575,618)	(2,250,032)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	681,669	681,669	(1,568,363)	(2,250,032)
Net Change in Fund Balance	(1,981,511)	(1,981,511)	552,933	2,534,444
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING	2,571,460	2,571,460	2,572,725	1,265
FUND BALANCE - ENDING	<u>\$ 589,949</u>	<u>\$ 589,949</u>	<u>\$ 3,125,658</u>	<u>\$ 2,535,709</u>

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PLATTE COUNTY
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
MAJOR FUNDS

For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
ROAD FUND				
RECEIPTS				
Intergovernmental	\$ 9,998,729	\$ 9,998,729	\$ 4,658,740	\$ (5,339,989)
Charges for Services	31,000	31,000	88,556	57,556
Miscellaneous	13,500	13,500	40,116	26,616
TOTAL RECEIPTS	10,043,229	10,043,229	4,787,412	(5,255,817)
DISBURSEMENTS	16,200,270	16,200,270	11,579,358	4,620,912
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS	(6,157,041)	(6,157,041)	(6,791,946)	(634,905)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers in	5,055,200	5,055,200	3,755,200	(1,300,000)
Transfers out	-	-	-	-
Bond Proceeds	-	-	4,230,000	4,230,000
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	5,055,200	5,055,200	7,985,200	2,930,000
Net Change in Fund Balance	(1,101,841)	(1,101,841)	1,193,254	2,295,095
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING	5,383,904	5,383,904	5,383,904	-
FUND BALANCE - ENDING	\$ 4,282,063	\$ 4,282,063	\$ 6,577,158	\$ 2,295,095
INHERITANCE FUND				
RECEIPTS				
Taxes	\$ 500,001	\$ 500,001	\$ 2,047,484	\$ 1,547,483
Charges for Services	143,000	143,000	-	(143,000)
Miscellaneous	-	-	22,974	22,974
TOTAL RECEIPTS	643,001	643,001	2,070,458	1,427,457
DISBURSEMENTS	10,000,381	10,000,381	1,061,294	8,939,087
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS	(9,357,380)	(9,357,380)	1,009,164	10,366,544
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers in	-	-	143,000	143,000
Transfers out	(2,500,000)	(2,500,000)	(2,518,500)	(18,500)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(2,500,000)	(2,500,000)	(2,375,500)	124,500
EXTRAORDINARY ITEM	-	-	(1,237,440)	(1,237,440)
Net Change in Fund Balance	(11,857,380)	(11,857,380)	(2,603,776)	9,253,604
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING	11,958,380	11,958,380	11,958,380	-
FUND BALANCE - ENDING	\$ 101,000	\$ 101,000	\$ 9,354,604	\$ 9,253,604

PLATTE COUNTY
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
MAJOR FUNDS

For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
<u>AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND</u>				
RECEIPTS				
Investment Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 214	\$ 214
Intergovernmental	-	-	3,250,577	3,250,577
TOTAL RECEIPTS	-	-	3,250,791	3,250,791
DISBURSEMENTS	-	-	-	-
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS	-	-	3,250,791	3,250,791
Net Change in Fund Balance	-	-	3,250,791	3,250,791
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING	-	-	-	-
FUND BALANCE - ENDING	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,250,791	\$ 3,250,791

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PLATTE COUNTY
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
NONMAJOR FUNDS

For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
JUVENILE DIVERSION PROGRAM FUND				
Receipts	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 114,427	\$ 114,427
Disbursements	(188,440)	(188,440)	(150,587)	37,853
Transfers in	188,440	188,440	188,440	-
Transfers out	-	-	-	-
Net Change in Fund Balance	-	-	152,280	152,280
Fund Balance - Beginning	181,331	181,331	181,331	-
Fund Balance - Ending	<u>\$ 181,331</u>	<u>\$ 181,331</u>	<u>\$ 333,611</u>	<u>\$ 152,280</u>
CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT FUND				
Receipts	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 159,842	\$ 159,841
Disbursements	(158,937)	(158,937)	(139,489)	19,448
Transfers in	18,049	18,049	18,049	-
Transfers out	-	-	-	-
Net Change in Fund Balance	(140,887)	(140,887)	38,402	179,289
Fund Balance - Beginning	295,893	295,893	295,893	-
Fund Balance - Ending	<u>\$ 155,006</u>	<u>\$ 155,006</u>	<u>\$ 334,295</u>	<u>\$ 179,289</u>
VISITOR PROMOTION FUND				
Receipts	\$ 170,000	\$ 170,000	\$ 150,768	\$ (19,232)
Disbursements	(304,490)	(304,490)	(180,344)	124,146
Transfers in	-	-	-	-
Transfers out	(7,255)	(7,255)	(7,255)	-
Net Change in Fund Balance	(141,745)	(141,745)	(36,831)	104,914
Fund Balance - Beginning	212,190	212,190	212,190	-
Fund Balance - Ending	<u>\$ 70,445</u>	<u>\$ 70,445</u>	<u>\$ 175,359</u>	<u>\$ 104,914</u>
VISITOR IMPROVEMENT FUND				
Receipts	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 126,203	\$ 126,203
Disbursements	(165,000)	(165,000)	(65,607)	99,393
Net Change in Fund Balance	(165,000)	(165,000)	60,596	225,596
Fund Balance - Beginning	710,932	710,932	710,932	-
Fund Balance - Ending	<u>\$ 545,932</u>	<u>\$ 545,932</u>	<u>\$ 771,528</u>	<u>\$ 225,596</u>

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**BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
NONMAJOR FUNDS**

For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
PRESERVATION AND MODERNIZATION FUND				
Receipts	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 32,469	\$ 32,469
Disbursements	(65,585)	(65,585)	(6,883)	58,702
Net Change in Fund Balance	(65,585)	(65,585)	25,586	91,171
Fund Balance - Beginning	65,585	65,585	65,585	-
Fund Balance - Ending	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 91,171</u>	<u>\$ 91,171</u>
INSURANCE FUND				
Receipts	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 26,394	\$ 26,394
Disbursements	(1,399,746)	(1,399,746)	(774,511)	625,235
Net Change in Fund Balance	(1,399,746)	(1,399,746)	(748,117)	651,629
Fund Balance - Beginning	1,399,746	1,399,746	1,399,746	-
Fund Balance - Ending	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 651,629</u>	<u>\$ 651,629</u>
COUNTY LIBRARY FUND				
Receipts	\$ 155,250	\$ 155,250	\$ 159,199	\$ 3,949
Disbursements	(155,000)	(155,000)	(146,203)	8,797
Net Change in Fund Balance	250	250	12,996	12,746
Fund Balance - Beginning	18,945	18,945	7,911	(11,034)
Fund Balance - Ending	<u>\$ 19,195</u>	<u>\$ 19,195</u>	<u>\$ 20,907</u>	<u>\$ 1,712</u>
ADULT PRETRIAL DIVERSION FUND				
Receipts	\$ 22,001	\$ 22,001	\$ 17,162	\$ (4,839)
Disbursements	(37,601)	(37,601)	(30,465)	7,136
Transfers in	3,755	3,755	3,755	-
Transfers out	-	-	-	-
Net Change in Fund Balance	(11,845)	(11,845)	(9,548)	2,297
Fund Balance - Beginning	31,823	31,823	31,823	-
Fund Balance - Ending	<u>\$ 19,978</u>	<u>\$ 19,978</u>	<u>\$ 22,275</u>	<u>\$ 2,297</u>

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BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
NONMAJOR FUNDS

For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
DRUG LAW ENFORCEMENT & EDUCATION FUND				
Receipts	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,428	\$ 2,428
Disbursements	(896)	(896)	-	896
Transfers in	-	-	-	-
Transfers out	-	-	(1,912)	(1,912)
Net Change in Fund Balance	(896)	(896)	516	1,412
Fund Balance - Beginning	896	896	2,808	1,912
Fund Balance - Ending	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 3,324</u>	<u>\$ 3,324</u>
FEDERAL GRANT FUND				
Receipts	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Disbursements	(278)	(278)	(310)	(32)
Transfers in	-	-	32	32
Transfers out	-	-	-	-
Net Change in Fund Balance	(278)	(278)	(278)	-
Fund Balance - Beginning	278	278	278	-
Fund Balance - Ending	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
VICTIM ASSISTANCE FUND				
Receipts	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 78,629	\$ 78,628
Disbursements	(110,142)	(110,142)	(95,817)	14,325
Transfers in	110,142	110,142	110,142	-
Transfers out	-	-	-	-
Net Change in Fund Balance	1	1	92,954	92,953
Fund Balance - Beginning	220,995	220,995	220,995	-
Fund Balance - Ending	<u>\$ 220,996</u>	<u>\$ 220,996</u>	<u>\$ 313,949</u>	<u>\$ 92,953</u>
DISASTER FUND				
Receipts	\$ 25,301	\$ 25,301	\$ 25,925	\$ 624
Disbursements	-	-	(23,573)	(23,573)
Transfers in	-	-	18,500	18,500
Transfers out	(1,300,000)	(1,300,000)	-	1,300,000
Net Change in Fund Balance	(1,274,699)	(1,274,699)	20,852	1,295,551
Fund Balance - Beginning	1,442,292	1,442,292	1,442,292	-
Fund Balance - Ending	<u>\$ 167,593</u>	<u>\$ 167,593</u>	<u>\$ 1,463,144</u>	<u>\$ 1,295,551</u>

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PLATTE COUNTY
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
NONMAJOR FUNDS

For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
JOINT COMMUNICATION CENTER				
Receipts	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,130,980	\$ 1,130,980
Disbursements	-	-	-	-
Net Change in Fund Balance	-	-	1,130,980	1,130,980
Fund Balance - Beginning	-	-	-	-
Fund Balance - Ending	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,130,980</u>	<u>\$ 1,130,980</u>
LAW ENFORCEMENT SHERIFF FUND				
Receipts	\$ 113,550	\$ 113,550	\$ 72,819	\$ (40,731)
Disbursements	(113,550)	(113,550)	(62,287)	51,263
Net Change in Fund Balance	-	-	10,532	10,532
Fund Balance - Beginning	122,876	122,876	122,876	-
Fund Balance - Ending	<u>\$ 122,876</u>	<u>\$ 122,876</u>	<u>\$ 133,408</u>	<u>\$ 10,532</u>
LAW ENFORCEMENT EQUIPMENT FUND				
Receipts	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,473	\$ 3,473
Disbursements	(6,445)	(6,445)	(3,511)	2,934
Transfers in	-	-	1,912	1,912
Transfers out	-	-	-	-
Net Change in Fund Balance	(6,445)	(6,445)	1,874	8,319
Fund Balance - Beginning	6,445	6,445	4,533	(1,912)
Fund Balance - Ending	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 6,407</u>	<u>\$ 6,407</u>
DISTRICT PROBATION FUND				
Receipts	\$ 242,560	\$ 242,560	\$ 258,481	\$ 15,921
Disbursements	(250,920)	(250,920)	(107,581)	143,339
Transfers in	-	-	-	-
Transfers out	-	-	(143,000)	(143,000)
Net Change in Fund Balance	(8,360)	(8,360)	7,900	16,260
Fund Balance - Beginning	8,360	8,360	8,360	-
Fund Balance - Ending	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 16,260</u>	<u>\$ 16,260</u>

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PLATTE COUNTY
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
NONMAJOR FUNDS

For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
HIGHWAY BOND FUND				
Receipts	\$ 1,097,194	\$ 1,097,194	\$ 1,138,979	\$ 41,785
Disbursements	(1,061,193)	(1,061,193)	(975,338)	85,855
Net Change in Fund Balance	36,001	36,001	163,641	127,640
Fund Balance - Beginning	1,364,475	1,364,475	1,364,475	-
Fund Balance - Ending	<u>\$ 1,400,476</u>	<u>\$ 1,400,476</u>	<u>\$ 1,528,116</u>	<u>\$ 127,640</u>
COURTHOUSE BUILDING FUND				
Receipts	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Disbursements	(277,652)	(277,652)	-	277,652
Net Change in Fund Balance	(277,652)	(277,652)	-	277,652
Fund Balance - Beginning	277,652	277,652	277,652	-
Fund Balance - Ending	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 277,652</u>	<u>\$ 277,652</u>
HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBILITY FUND				
Receipts	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Disbursements	(53,997)	(53,997)	-	53,997
Net Change in Fund Balance	(53,997)	(53,997)	-	53,997
Fund Balance - Beginning	53,997	53,997	53,997	-
Fund Balance - Ending	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 53,997</u>	<u>\$ 53,997</u>

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

For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

	Juvenile Diversion Program Fund	Child Support Enforcement Fund	Visitor Promotion Fund	Visitor Improvement Fund
RECEIPTS				
Taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 126,203	\$ 126,203
Intergovernmental	107,072	159,842	-	-
Charges for Services	7,355	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	24,565	-
TOTAL RECEIPTS	114,427	159,842	150,768	126,203
DISBURSEMENTS				
General Government	-	-	-	-
Public Safety	150,587	139,489	-	-
Public Works	-	-	-	-
Culture and Recreation	-	-	180,344	65,607
Debt Service:				
Principal Payments	-	-	-	-
Interest and Fiscal Charges	-	-	-	-
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	150,587	139,489	180,344	65,607
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS	(36,160)	20,353	(29,576)	60,596
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers in	188,440	18,049	-	-
Transfers out	-	-	(7,255)	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	188,440	18,049	(7,255)	-
Net Change in Fund Balances	152,280	38,402	(36,831)	60,596
FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING	181,331	295,893	212,190	710,932
FUND BALANCES - ENDING	\$ 333,611	\$ 334,295	\$ 175,359	\$ 771,528
FUND BALANCES:				
Restricted for:				
Visitor Promotion	-	-	175,359	771,528
Drug Education	-	-	-	-
Law Enforcement	-	-	-	-
Preservation of Records	-	-	-	-
Debt Service	-	-	-	-
Child Support Enforcement	-	334,295	-	-
County Library	-	-	-	-
Committed to:				
Law Enforcement	-	-	-	-
County Buildings	-	-	-	-
Diversion Program	333,611	-	-	-
Health Insurance	-	-	-	-
Disaster Recovery	-	-	-	-
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	\$ 333,611	\$ 334,295	\$ 175,359	\$ 771,528

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

For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

	Preservation and Modernization Fund	Insurance Fund	County Library Fund	Adult Pretrial Diversion Fund
RECEIPTS				
Taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 141,715	\$ -
Intergovernmental	-	-	17,484	-
Charges for Services	32,469	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	-	26,394	-	17,162
TOTAL RECEIPTS	32,469	26,394	159,199	17,162
DISBURSEMENTS				
General Government	6,883	774,511	-	-
Public Safety	-	-	-	30,465
Public Works	-	-	-	-
Culture and Recreation	-	-	146,203	-
Debt Service:				
Principal Payments	-	-	-	-
Interest and Fiscal Charges	-	-	-	-
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	6,883	774,511	146,203	30,465
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS	25,586	(748,117)	12,996	(13,303)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers in	-	-	-	3,755
Transfers out	-	-	-	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	-	-	-	3,755
Net Change in Fund Balances	25,586	(748,117)	12,996	(9,548)
FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING	65,585	1,399,746	7,911	31,823
FUND BALANCES - ENDING	\$ 91,171	\$ 651,629	\$ 20,907	\$ 22,275
FUND BALANCES:				
Restricted for:				
Visitor Promotion	-	-	-	-
Drug Education	-	-	-	-
Law Enforcement	-	-	-	-
Preservation of Records	91,171	-	-	-
Debt Service	-	-	-	-
Child Support Enforcement	-	-	-	-
County Library	-	-	20,907	-
Committed to:				
Law Enforcement	-	-	-	-
County Buildings	-	-	-	-
Diversion Program	-	-	-	22,275
Health Insurance	-	651,629	-	-
Disaster Recovery	-	-	-	-
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	\$ 91,171	\$ 651,629	\$ 20,907	\$ 22,275

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

For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

	Drug Law Enforcement & Education Fund	Federal Grant Fund	Victim Assistance Fund	Disaster Fund
RECEIPTS				
Taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 22,876
Intergovernmental	2,428	-	78,629	3,049
Charges for Services	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>2,428</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>78,629</u>	<u>25,925</u>
DISBURSEMENTS				
General Government	-	-	-	-
Public Safety	-	310	95,817	-
Public Works	-	-	-	23,573
Culture and Recreation	-	-	-	-
Debt Service:				
Principal Payments	-	-	-	-
Interest and Fiscal Charges	-	-	-	-
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	<u>-</u>	<u>310</u>	<u>95,817</u>	<u>23,573</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS	<u>2,428</u>	<u>(310)</u>	<u>(17,188)</u>	<u>2,352</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers in	-	32	110,142	18,500
Transfers out	(1,912)	-	-	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>(1,912)</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>110,142</u>	<u>18,500</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	516	(278)	92,954	20,852
FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING	<u>2,808</u>	<u>278</u>	<u>220,995</u>	<u>1,442,292</u>
FUND BALANCES - ENDING	<u>\$ 3,324</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 313,949</u>	<u>\$ 1,463,144</u>
FUND BALANCES:				
Restricted for:				
Visitor Promotion	-	-	-	-
Drug Education	3,324	-	-	-
Law Enforcement	-	-	-	-
Preservation of Records	-	-	-	-
Debt Service	-	-	-	-
Child Support Enforcement	-	-	-	-
County Library	-	-	-	-
Committed to:				
Law Enforcement	-	-	313,949	-
County Buildings	-	-	-	-
Diversion Program	-	-	-	-
Health Insurance	-	-	-	-
Disaster Recovery	-	-	-	1,463,144
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 3,324</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 313,949</u>	<u>\$ 1,463,144</u>

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

For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

	Joint Communication Center	Law Enforcement Sheriff Fund	Law Enforcement Equipment Fund	District Probation Fund
RECEIPTS				
Taxes	\$ 940,735	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Intergovernmental	190,245	8,096	-	258,382
Charges for Services	-	64,683	3,473	-
Miscellaneous	-	40	-	99
TOTAL RECEIPTS	1,130,980	72,819	3,473	258,481
DISBURSEMENTS				
General Government	-	-	-	-
Public Safety	-	62,287	3,511	107,581
Public Works	-	-	-	-
Culture and Recreation	-	-	-	-
Debt Service:				
Principal Payments	-	-	-	-
Interest and Fiscal Charges	-	-	-	-
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	-	62,287	3,511	107,581
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS	1,130,980	10,532	(38)	150,900
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers in	-	-	1,912	-
Transfers out	-	-	-	(143,000)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	-	-	1,912	(143,000)
Net Change in Fund Balances	1,130,980	10,532	1,874	7,900
FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING	-	122,876	4,533	8,360
FUND BALANCES - ENDING	\$ 1,130,980	\$ 133,408	\$ 6,407	\$ 16,260
FUND BALANCES:				
Restricted for:				
Visitor Promotion	-	-	-	-
Drug Education	-	-	-	-
Law Enforcement	1,130,980	-	-	-
Preservation of Records	-	-	-	-
Debt Service	-	-	-	-
Child Support Enforcement	-	-	-	-
County Library	-	-	-	-
Committed to:				
Law Enforcement	-	133,408	6,407	16,260
County Buildings	-	-	-	-
Diversion Program	-	-	-	-
Health Insurance	-	-	-	-
Disaster Recovery	-	-	-	-
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	\$ 1,130,980	\$ 133,408	\$ 6,407	\$ 16,260

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

For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

	Highway Bond Fund	Courthouse Building Fund	Handicapped Accessibility Fund	Total Nonmajor Funds
RECEIPTS				
Taxes	\$ 976,790	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,334,522
Intergovernmental	129,569	-	-	954,796
Charges for Services	-	-	-	107,980
Miscellaneous	32,620	-	-	100,880
TOTAL RECEIPTS	1,138,979	-	-	3,498,178
DISBURSEMENTS				
General Government	-	-	-	781,394
Public Safety	-	-	-	590,047
Public Works	-	-	-	23,573
Culture and Recreation	-	-	-	392,154
Debt Service:				
Principal Payments	921,017	-	-	921,017
Interest and Fiscal Charges	54,321	-	-	54,321
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	975,338	-	-	2,762,506
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS	163,641	-	-	735,672
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers in	-	-	-	340,830
Transfers out	-	-	-	(152,167)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	-	-	-	188,663
Net Change in Fund Balances	163,641	-	-	924,335
FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING	1,364,475	277,652	53,997	6,403,677
FUND BALANCES - ENDING	\$ 1,528,116	\$ 277,652	\$ 53,997	\$ 7,328,012
FUND BALANCES:				
Restricted for:				
Visitor Promotion	-	-	-	946,887
Drug Education	-	-	-	3,324
Law Enforcement	-	-	-	1,130,980
Preservation of Records	-	-	-	91,171
Debt Service	1,528,116	-	-	1,528,116
Child Support Enforcement	-	-	-	334,295
County Library	-	-	-	20,907
Committed to:				
Law Enforcement	-	-	-	470,024
County Buildings	-	277,652	53,997	331,649
Diversion Program	-	-	-	355,886
Health Insurance	-	-	-	651,629
Disaster Recovery	-	-	-	1,463,144
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	\$ 1,528,116	\$ 277,652	\$ 53,997	\$ 7,328,012

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PLATTE COUNTY
SCHEDULE OF OFFICE ACTIVITIES
For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

	County Clerk	Register of Deeds	Clerk of the District Court	County Sheriff	County Attorney	Weed Superintendent	Highway Superintendent
BALANCES JULY 1, 2020	\$ 937	\$ 62,818	\$ 95,169	\$ 29,919	\$ 600	\$ -	\$ 29,204
RECEIPTS							
Taxes	175	-	-	-	-	-	-
Licenses and Permits	5,543	-	-	2,065	-	-	-
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Charges for Services	4,421	375,606	56,608	171,379	940	15,021	9,721
Miscellaneous	-	-	3,120	31,819	1,603	-	38,367
State Fees	2,297	459,512	57,959	415	-	-	518
Other Liabilities	1,730	-	930,641	842,579	10,367	-	-
TOTAL RECEIPTS	14,166	835,118	1,048,328	1,048,257	12,910	15,021	48,606
DISBURSEMENTS							
Payments to County Treasurer	9,587	362,159	55,136	203,790	930	15,021	73,436
Payments to State Treasurer	1,925	419,917	58,799	388	-	-	518
Petty Cash	-	-	3,120	3,433	1,603	-	-
Other Liabilities	1,730	-	872,765	841,979	10,367	-	-
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	13,242	782,076	989,820	1,049,590	12,900	15,021	73,954
BALANCES JUNE 30, 2021	\$ 1,861	\$ 115,860	\$ 153,677	\$ 28,586	\$ 610	\$ -	\$ 3,856
BALANCES CONSIST OF:							
Due to County Treasurer	\$ 1,194	\$ 43,367	\$ 6,126	\$ 17,598	\$ 60	\$ -	\$ 3,856
Petty Cash	100	65	1,000	1,000	550	-	-
Due to State Treasurer	567	72,428	3,279	211	-	-	-
Due to Others	-	-	143,272	9,777	-	-	-
BALANCES JUNE 30, 2021	\$ 1,861	\$ 115,860	\$ 153,677	\$ 28,586	\$ 610	\$ -	\$ 3,856

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Note: The County Historical Society was removed from the Schedule of Office Activities. See Footnote 10 for more information.

PLATTE COUNTY
SCHEDULE OF OFFICE ACTIVITIES
For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

	Veterans' Service Officer	Visitor Center	County Self Insurance	County Election Commissioner	Juvenile Diversion	Total
BALANCES JULY 1, 2020	\$ 4,653	\$ -	\$ 250,000	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ 475,300
RECEIPTS						
Taxes	-	-	-	-	-	175
Licenses and Permits	-	-	-	-	-	7,608
Intergovernmental	10,000	-	-	-	-	10,000
Charges for Services	-	-	-	7,241	-	640,937
Miscellaneous	-	12,564	751,920	-	5,281	844,674
State Fees	-	-	-	-	-	520,701
Other Liabilities	-	-	-	-	-	1,785,317
TOTAL RECEIPTS	10,000	12,564	751,920	7,241	5,281	3,809,412
DISBURSEMENTS						
Payments to County Treasurer	-	12,564	-	7,241	-	739,864
Payments to State Treasurer	-	-	-	-	-	481,547
Petty Cash	7,928	-	749,075	-	5,281	770,440
Other Liabilities	-	-	-	-	-	1,726,841
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	7,928	12,564	749,075	7,241	5,281	3,718,692
BALANCES JUNE 30, 2021	\$ 6,725	\$ -	\$ 252,845	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ 566,020
BALANCES CONSIST OF:						
Due to County Treasurer	\$ 6,725	\$ -	\$ 2,845	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 81,771
Petty Cash	-	-	250,000	-	2,000	254,715
Due to State Treasurer	-	-	-	-	-	76,485
Due to Others	-	-	-	-	-	153,049
BALANCES JUNE 30, 2021	\$ 6,725	\$ -	\$ 252,845	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ 566,020

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PLATTE COUNTY
SCHEDULE OF TAXES CERTIFIED AND COLLECTED
FOR ALL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS IN THE COUNTY
June 30, 2021

Item	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Tax Certified by Assessor					
Real Estate	\$ 56,693,786	\$ 57,004,248	\$ 59,461,683	\$ 60,134,360	\$ 63,758,295
Personal and Specials	5,887,042	5,604,555	5,565,345	5,619,404	6,727,600
Total	<u>62,580,828</u>	<u>62,608,803</u>	<u>65,027,028</u>	<u>65,753,764</u>	<u>70,485,895</u>
Corrections					
Additions	63,453	42,667	37,912	125,515	71,400
Deductions	<u>(26,354)</u>	<u>(24,879)</u>	<u>(20,507)</u>	<u>(151,163)</u>	<u>(73,429)</u>
Net Additions/ (Deductions)	<u>37,099</u>	<u>17,788</u>	<u>17,405</u>	<u>(25,648)</u>	<u>(2,029)</u>
Corrected Certified Tax	<u>62,617,927</u>	<u>62,626,591</u>	<u>65,044,433</u>	<u>65,728,116</u>	<u>70,483,866</u>
Net Tax Collected by County Treasurer during Fiscal Year Ending:					
June 30, 2017	39,373,806	-	-	-	-
June 30, 2018	23,235,058	40,199,402	-	-	-
June 30, 2019	8,423	22,415,429	39,958,210	-	-
June 30, 2020	502	8,469	25,073,359	39,837,833	-
June 30, 2021	<u>112</u>	<u>2,078</u>	<u>8,546</u>	<u>25,876,837</u>	<u>43,862,174</u>
Total Net Collections	<u>62,617,901</u>	<u>62,625,378</u>	<u>65,040,115</u>	<u>65,714,670</u>	<u>43,862,174</u>
Total Uncollected Tax	<u>\$ 26</u>	<u>\$ 1,213</u>	<u>\$ 4,318</u>	<u>\$ 13,446</u>	<u>\$ 26,621,692</u>
Percentage Uncollected Tax	<u>0.00%</u>	<u>0.00%</u>	<u>0.01%</u>	<u>0.02%</u>	<u>37.77%</u>

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

PLATTE COUNTY
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program or Cluster Title	Assistance Listing	Pass-Through Entity Identifying Number	Total Federal Expenditures
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE			
Emergency Watershed Protection Program	10.923	not applicable	\$ 268,462
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture			268,462
ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION			
Passed through Nebraska Secretary of State			
COVID-19 - 2018 HAVA Election Security Grants	90.404	10	17,684
Total U.S. Election Assistance Commission			17,684
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES			
Passed through Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services			
Child Support Enforcement	93.563	51438 Y3, 51492 Y3	205,789
Total U.S. Department of Health and Human Services			205,789
DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY			
Passed through Nebraska Military Department			
Disaster Grants - Public Assistance (Presidentially Declared Disasters)	97.036	141-UYSJT-00	1,821,757
COVID-19 - Disaster Grants - Public Assistance (Presidentially Declared Disasters)	97.036	unavailable	46,266
Total - Disaster Grants - Public Assistance (Presidentially Declared Disasters)			* 1,868,023
Emergency Management Performance Grants	97.042	20-SR 8745-01, 20-GA 8745-02, 20-GA 8745-03, 20-GA 8745-04	72,410
Homeland Security Grant Program	97.067	17-GA 8745-05, 17-GA 31009-02, 18-GA 8745-05, 18-GA 31009-01, 18-GA 31009-02, 18-GA 31009-03, 19-SR 31009-01, 20-SR 31009-01, 20-GA 31009-02	195,124
Total U.S. Department of Homeland Security			2,135,557
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE			
Passed through Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice			
Crime Victim Assistance	16.575	137-2020-VA1038	77,180
Total U.S. Department of Justice			77,180

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PLATTE COUNTY
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program or Cluster Title	Assistance Listing	Pass-Through Entity Identifying Number	Total Federal Expenditures
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION			
Passed through Nebraska Department of Transportation			
Highway Safety Cluster:			
State and Community Highway Safety	20.600	5HWR0	15,286
National Priority Safety Programs	20.616	5HWR0	9,357
Total Highway Safety Cluster			<u>24,643</u>
Total U.S. Department of Transportation			<u>24,643</u>
DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY			
Passed through Nebraska Military Department			
Coronavirus Relief Fund	21.019	unavailable	<u>589,383</u>
Total U.S. Department of Transportation			<u>589,383</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS			<u><u>\$ 3,318,698</u></u>
			(Concluded)

* Represents Major Program

See accompanying Notes to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

PLATTE COUNTY

NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS

For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

1. **Basis of Presentation**

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (Schedule) includes the Federal award activity of Platte County (County) under programs of the Federal government for the year ended June 30, 2021. 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 the County, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position or changes in 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. The County has elected to use the 10 percent de minimis indirect cost rate, as allowed under Uniform Guidance, except for the Child Support Enforcement Program, which used the rate as approved by the pass-through entity.

3. **Disaster Grants – Public Assistance (Presidentially Declared Disasters)**

After a presidentially declared disaster, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) provides Disaster Grants – Public Assistance (Presidentially Declared Disasters) (Assistance Listing 97.036) to reimburse eligible costs associated with the repair, replacement, or restoration of disaster-damaged infrastructure. The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards reports expenditures of \$1,868,023 for this program, of which \$1,702,162 was incurred and paid prior to the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021.



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PLATTE COUNTY

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

Board of Supervisors
Platte 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 Platte County, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Platte County's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated March 1, 2022. The report notes the financial statements were prepared on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Platte 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 Platte 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.

County Response: The County has discussed the finding but must consider the cost of adequate segregation of duties when determining the use of tax money.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Platte 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 Platte County in a separate letter dated March 1, 2022.

Platte County's Response to Findings

Platte County's response to the findings identified in our audit is described above. Platte County's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

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.



Pat Reding, CPA, CFE
Assistant Deputy Auditor
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March 1, 2022



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PLATTE COUNTY
**REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM
AND REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE
REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE**

Independent Auditor's Report

Board of Supervisors
Platte County, Nebraska

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

We have audited Platte 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 Platte County's major Federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2021. Platte County's major Federal programs are identified in the Summary of Auditor's Results section of the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs.

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 Platte 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 Platte 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 Platte County's compliance with those requirements.

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

In our opinion, Platte 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, 2021.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

Management of Platte 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 Platte 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 Platte 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.



March 1, 2022

Pat Reding, CPA, CFE
Assistant Deputy Auditor
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PLATTE COUNTY

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

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 ☒ None Reported

Significant deficiencies identified? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? ☐ Yes ☒ None Reported

Federal Awards

Internal control over major programs:

Material weaknesses identified? ☐ Yes ☒ None Reported

Significant deficiencies identified? ☐ Yes ☒ 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 ☒ No

Major programs: **Disaster Grants – Public Assistance: AL#97.036**

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B programs:

\$750,000

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?

☐ Yes ☒ No

PLATTE COUNTY

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
(Concluded)

Section II – Financial Statement Findings

Finding # 2021-1

<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.
<u>Criteria</u> -	Authorization or approval of transactions, recording of transactions, and custody of assets should normally be segregated from each other.
<u>Context</u> -	Various County offices collect money; most of those offices employ one or two individuals. The offices remit the money to the County Treasurer.
<u>Effect</u> -	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 accounting functions properly.
<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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SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

Finding 2020-1 (Since 2019) Segregation of Duties

Status: On-going

Reason for Recurrence: The County has discussed the finding but must consider the cost of adequate segregation of duties when determining the use of tax money.

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CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN

Year Ended June 30, 2021

The corrective action plan for the findings included in the Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs are summarized as follows:

Finding 2021-1 Segregation of Duties

Corrective Action Planned: The County has discussed the finding but must consider the cost of adequate segregation of duties when determining the use of tax money.

Anticipated Completion Date: Ongoing

Responsible Party: County Board



Jennifer E. Brown
Clerk of the County Board



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March 1, 2022

Board of Supervisors
Platte County, Nebraska

Dear Supervisors:

We have audited the basic financial statements of Platte County (County) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, and have issued our report thereon dated March 1, 2022. 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

Over-Budget Projects

As of June 30, 2021, the County Board had approved claims for road projects with two contractors that exceeded the awarded bid amounts by \$302,700. The County Board never approved change orders or other such documentation to increase the estimated project costs.

The following table provides a summary of the claim amounts paid by the County Board in excess of the bids accepted:

Contractor	Claim Number	Claim Date	Amount Paid
Western Engineering Co., Inc.	8200568	8/4/2020	\$ 544,426
	10201723	10/13/2020	\$ 28,654
Total Paid			\$ 573,080
Western Engineering Co., Inc., Bid Amount			\$ 346,864
Total Paid to Western Engineering Co., Inc., Over Bid			\$ 226,216
Pavers, Inc.	7200353	7/21/2020	\$ 392,379
	8200813	8/18/2020	\$ 445,768
	10201990	10/27/2020	\$ 137,182
Total Paid			\$ 975,329
Pavers, Inc., Bid Amount			\$ 898,845
Total Paid to Pavers, Inc., Over Bid			\$ 76,484
Total Overpayment			\$ 302,700

Per discussion with the County Highway Department, the Western Engineering Co, Inc., bid provided was for a different project; however, another bid was not able to be provided. Further, the project title on the bid and the claim were the same.

Neb. Rev. Stat. § 39-1407 (Cum. Supp. 2020) states, in relevant part, the following:

Whenever contracts are to be let for road improvements, it shall be the duty of the county board to cause to be prepared and filed with the county clerk an estimate of the nature of the work and the cost thereof. After such estimate has been filed, bids for such contracts shall be advertised by publication of a notice thereof once a week for three consecutive weeks in a legal newspaper of the county prior to the date set for receiving bids. Bids shall be let to the lowest responsible bidder.

Good internal control and sound business practice require procedures to ensure that all payments made on County contracts comply with the awarded bid amount, or any increase thereto has been approved by the County Board. Those same procedures should also ensure compliance with all applicable bidding statutes.

Without such procedures, there is an increased risk for not only violation of State law but also waste or other mismanagement of public funds.

We recommend the County implement procedures to ensure: 1) all payments on County contracts comply with the awarded bid amount; 2) any increase to such contract amounts has been approved by the County Board; and 3) all applicable bidding statutes are observed.

Highway Response: The letter indicates that Western Engineering was paid \$226,216 over the bid amount. The bid for project C-71 (841) was \$567,374.86. There was one change order in the amount of \$2,266.76 for the total contract of \$569,641.62. Final project cost is adjusted by actual unit prices for a total of \$573,079.71.

In regards to the Pavers, Inc. Contract, total project cost may be adjusted by actual unit prices. The authority for bidding unit prices is detailed in the project specifications and is under the Standard Specifications for Highway Construction. Section 104 – Scope of Work address changes that the Engineer may revise to the contract in regards to quantity. Changes in quantities when we have bid a unit price are not considered major changes and therefore, do not require a change order.

APA Response: For the bid related to Western Engineering: The bid was awarded in connection with an agreement with Madison County for nine construction projects. Per the terms of that agreement, Madison County was responsible for accepting bids for those projects, all nine of which the County awarded to Western Engineering for \$2,736,727. That award is recorded in the Madison County Board meeting minutes. As one of the nine construction projects comprising the total award, Project C-71 (841) was listed separately on the bid sheet with an awarded price of \$346,864. The bid tally sheet provided by the County Highway Superintendent contains the same bid-letting date and a list of the same nine projects specified on the original award. No information was provided to indicate that the Madison County Board or the Platte County Board approved either Project C-71 (841) separately or any changes to it beyond the original awarded price, including any mentioned change orders. Regarding county road improvement work, it should be noted that the last sentence of Neb. Rev. Stat. § 39-1407 (Cum. Supp. 2020), which is referenced in the report comment, states, “It shall be the duty of the county to determine whether or not the work is performed in keeping with such contract before paying for the same.” Of no less importance, Neb. Rev. Stat. § 23-103 (Reissue 2012) provides, “The powers of the county as a body corporate or politic, shall be exercised by a county board” Regardless of any contractual provisions, therefore, it is the responsibility of the County Board to make final approval, through formal action documented in its meeting minutes, of all public contracts – including those for road improvements – and any changes thereto. Such approval did not occur for the project cost. Lastly, even using the final project cost as indicated in the response, the project still exceeds the contract price.

For the bid related to Pavers, Inc.: The “Scope of Work” provision (Section 104) of the contract, as referenced by the County Highway Superintendent, does indeed allow the Engineer to agree to changes in the “final quantities” due to “overruns or underruns of the original quantities” as work progresses; however, neither that nor any other contractual provision can eradicate the statutory responsibility of the County Board, as detailed above, to grant final authorization for any contract and resultant payment of public funds – especially, as in this case, a payment in excess of the awarded bid amount. There is no requirement, moreover, for only “major changes” to be reported to the County Board. In fact, the County Highway Superintendent lacks authority to approve any changes to road contracts without the express approval of the County Board.

Leave Balances

During our audit, we noted the following issues related to employees’ vacation and sick leave:

- For one of three employees tested, sick leave earnings were all allotted in January, rather than monthly. This was an employee of the Highway Department.
- For two of three employees tested, vacation hours carried over to 2021 were in excess of the allowed maximum. For one employee, 103.25 hours were carried over, or 63.25 hours in excess of the allowed five days (40 hours). For the second employee, 92.24 hours were carried over, or 36.24 hours in excess of the allowed seven days (56 hours). These two employees were employed by the Highway Department and the Clerk of the District Court.

The County’s Employee Handbook (Handbook) requires vacation leave to be accrued on each employee’s anniversary date and sick leave to be allotted monthly.

Additionally, the Handbook states, in relevant part, the following:

A maximum of 5 days vacation can be carried over to the following year for employees working 10 years or less and a maximum of 7 days vacation can be carried over to the following year for employees working more than 10 years.

Good internal control and sound accounting practices require the County Board to implement procedures to ensure that employee vacation and sick leave earnings and balances are in accordance with the Handbook’s provisions.

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

A similar comment was noted in the prior audit.

We recommend the County Board implement procedures to ensure sick and vacation leave earnings are in accordance with the Handbook.

District Court Response: The Clerk of District Court will abide by any procedures implemented by the County Board to ensure employee sick and vacation leave earnings and balances are in accordance with the County Employee Handbook.

Highway Response: Unifying the manner in which all county offices tracked sick leave and vacation time has been addressed and put into a revised policy by the Board of Supervisors effective October 1. The Highway Department has implemented those policies and will follow the current policy in the Employee Handbook.

Review of Delinquent Personal Property Taxes

The County was not reviewing persons with delinquent personal property taxes prior to paying claims.

Neb. Rev. Stat. § 23-143 (Reissue 2012) states the following:

The county board of any county, whenever the account or claim of any person, firm or corporation against the county is presented to them for allowance, shall procure from the county treasurer a certificate of the amount of delinquent personal taxes assessed against the person, firm or corporation in whose favor the account or claim is presented, and shall deduct from any amount found due upon such account or claim the amount of such tax, and shall forthwith issue a warrant for the balance remaining, if any.

Sound accounting practices and good internal control require procedures to ensure that deductions for delinquent personal property taxes are made from any County claims paid to individuals or entities owing those overdue amounts.

Without such procedures, there is an increased risk of not only the County making payments to an individual or entity owing delinquent personal property taxes but also noncompliance with State statute.

A similar finding was noted in the prior audit.

We recommend the County Board implement procedures to ensure deductions for personal property taxes are made from any County claims paid to individuals or entities owing those overdue amounts.

COUNTY CLERK

Expenditures in Excess of Budget & Financial Variances

The County Clerk completes a reconciliation to ensure the County Clerk's records agree to the County Treasurer's records; however, only one of the eight variances noted was corrected by the County Clerk, as noted below:

- In the District Probation Fund, we noted that two warrants, totaling \$387, were cancelled by the County Board, but they were not voided from the County Clerk's system. Further, we noted that one disbursement, totaling \$49, was paid by the County Treasurer, but it was not recorded in the County Clerk's system. These errors resulted in an overage of \$338 in the County Clerk's records.
- In the Juvenile Diversion Program Fund, we noted that one warrant, totaling \$406, was cancelled by the County Board, but it was not voided in the system, resulting in an overage of the same amount in the County Clerk's records.
- In the General Fund, we noted that one disbursement, totaling \$39, was paid by the County Treasurer, but it was not recorded in the County Clerk's system, resulting in a shortage of the same amount in the County Clerk's records.
- In the Highway Bond Fund, we noted that one disbursement, totaling \$351,017, was paid by the County Treasurer for a bond payoff, but it was not recorded in the County Clerk's system, resulting in a shortage of the same amount in the County Clerk's records.
- In the County Library Fund, we noted that one disbursement, totaling \$42,170, was paid by the County Treasurer, but it was not recorded in the County Clerk's system until August 2021, after the fiscal year end.
- We noted that a journal entry, totaling \$1,912, was made on September 30, 2020, to transfer funds from the Drug Law Enforcement & Education Fund to the Law Enforcement Equipment Fund for a disbursement coding error in February 2019. This transfer was not approved by the County Board and was not recorded in the County Clerk's records, as the coding error was only in the County Treasurer's records. This disbursement caused the Drug Law Enforcement and Education Fund to exceed its adopted budget by \$1,016.
- In the Federal Grant Fund, we noted that disbursements exceeded budget appropriations by \$32.

Neb. Rev. Stat. § 23-916 (Reissue 2012) states, in relevant part, the following:

After the adoption of the county budget, no officer, department or other expending agency shall expend or contract to be expended any money, or incur any liability, or enter into any contract which, by its terms, involves the expenditure of money not provided for in the budget, or which involves the expenditure of any money for any of the purposes for which provision is made in the budget in excess of the amounts provided in said budget for such office, department or other expending agency, or purpose, for such fiscal year.

Good internal control and sound business practices require procedures to ensure that all activity of the County is reflected properly in the County Clerk's records to ensure compliance with the Budget Act. Such procedures should include a timely and periodic reconciliation of disbursements between the County Clerk and County Treasurer records, as well as the timely correction of any variances noted. Additionally, those same procedures should require the County Board's prior approval of all transfers.

Without such procedures, there is an increased risk of not only the County Board being unaware of the financial status of the funds but also noncompliance with the Budget Act. When expenditures are made in excess of amounts budgeted, with no appropriation adjustments by the County Board to address those excesses, the County is not in compliance with State statute.

We recommend the County Clerk implement procedures to ensure all transfers are recorded properly in the financial records and approved by the County Board, and a periodic reconciliation to the County Treasurer is completed, including the timely reconciliation of all variances noted. We further recommend the County Clerk implement procedures for closely monitoring its budget status on an ongoing basis to avoid incurring expenses in excess of the amount budgeted.

COUNTY SHERIFF

Unauthorized Bank Account

During the audit, we noted that the County Sheriff maintained a bank account for a Dive Rescue Team, which is comprised primarily of the Sheriff's office personnel responsible for recoveries of drowned victims and lost property. Within the bank account, we noted receipts during the fiscal year of \$100, which were not deposited with the County Treasurer, and \$1,724 that was paid out without County Board authorization. As of June 30, 2021, the balance in this account was \$9,751.

A similar finding has been noted each year since the fiscal year 2017 audit.

Neb. Rev. Stat. § 23-1601(1) (Cum. Supp. 2020) states 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.

The failure to remit public money to the County Treasurer or to receive approval from the County Board for disbursements of that money not only conflicts with State statute but also increases the risk of loss, theft, or misuse of County funds.

We recommend the Dive Rescue Team account, along with all future donations and other monies deposited thereto, be remitted to the County Treasurer. We further recommend all payments of County funds be made through the claims and warrant process.

Balancing Procedures

During the audit, we noted that the County Sheriff was not maintaining an accurate listing of accounts payable for the fee bank account. Based on bank statements, the County Sheriff had \$2,585 in the fee bank account; however, no detailed listing of to whom this money was owed was provided. Additionally, the County Sheriff was not performing monthly asset-to-liability reconciliations for the fee bank account.

Sound accounting practices and good internal controls require procedures to ensure that adequate reconciliation and balancing methods are utilized, including procedures to ensure office assets (cash on hand, reconciled bank balance, accounts receivable, etc.) agree with office liabilities (fee and trust accounts) on at least a monthly basis. Such procedures should also include the timely identification and resolution of all variances noted and the maintenance of proper documentation to support correct balances.

A lack of such procedures increases the risk of loss, theft, or misuse of County funds and allows errors to go undetected more easily.

A similar comment was noted in prior audits.

We recommend the County Sheriff implement monthly balancing procedures to ensure the performance of regular asset-to-liability reconciliations and to resolve all variances timely. Such procedures should include the maintenance of proper documentation to support correct balances.

COUNTY OVERALL

Segregation of Duties

Good internal control includes a plan of organization, procedures, and records designed to safeguard assets and provide reliable financial records. A system of internal control should include a proper segregation of duties, so no one individual is capable of handling all phases of a transaction from beginning to end.

We noted that the offices of the County each lacked a segregation of duties, as one person could handle all aspects of processing a transaction from beginning to end. A lack of segregation of duties increases the risk of possible errors or irregularities; however, due to a limited number of personnel, an adequate segregation of duties may not be possible without additional cost.

This was also noted in prior audits.

We recommend the County review this situation. As always, the County must weigh the cost of hiring additional personnel versus the benefit of a proper segregation of duties.

County Response: The County has discussed the finding but must consider the cost of adequate segregation of duties when determining the use of tax money.

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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 herein. 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Pat Reding". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Pat Reding, CPA, CFE
Assistant Deputy Auditor