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AUDIT REPORT
OF
COUNTY TREASURER
STARKE COUNTY, INDIANA
January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2005



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COUNTY OFFICIALS

<u>Office</u>	<u>Official</u>	<u>Term</u>
Treasurer	Marilyn Folkers	01-01-01 to 12-31-08
President of the County Council	Chuck Estok Bruce Fingerhut	01-01-05 to 12-31-05 01-01-06 to 12-31-06
President of the Board of County Commissioners	Kevin Kroft	01-01-05 to 12-31-06



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TO: THE OFFICIALS OF STARKE COUNTY

We have examined the records of the County Treasurer for the period from January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2005, and certify that the records and accountability for cash and other assets are satisfactory to the best of our knowledge and belief, except as stated in the Audit Results and Comments. The financial transactions of this office are reflected in the Annual Report of Starke County for the year 2005.

STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTS

August 8, 2006

COUNTY TREASURER
STARKE COUNTY
EXAMINATION RESULTS AND COMMENTS

BANK ACCOUNT RECONCILIATIONS

The County Treasurer's Daily Balance of Cash and Depositories has not been correctly reconciled to the bank. Reconcilements were performed monthly, but ledger balances used for the reconciliation did not agree to the fund ledger. Not balancing with the financial records to the depository balance on a monthly basis is an internal control deficiency that may allow errors or irregularities to go undetected.

At all times, the manual and/or computerized records, subsidiary ledgers, control ledger, and reconciled bank balance should agree. If the reconciled bank balance is the subsidiary or control ledgers, then the responsible official or employee may be held personally responsible for the amount needed to balance the fund. (Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for County Treasurer, Chapter 10)

DEPOSITS NOT TIMELY

In numerous instances, receipts were deposited later than the next business day.

Indiana Code 5-13-6-1(c) states in part: "All local officers . . .who collect public funds of their respective political subdivisions shall deposit funds not later than the business day following the receipt of funds on business days of the depository in the depository or depositories selected by the . . .local boards of finance . . ."

COUNTY TREASURER
STARKE COUNTY
EXIT CONFERENCE

The contents of this report were discussed on August 8, 2006, with Marilyn Folkers, County Treasurer; Kevin Kroft, President of the Board of County Commissioners; and Bruce Fingerhut, President of the County Council. The officials concurred with our audit findings.