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AUDIT REPORT

OF

COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

HENRY COUNTY, INDIANA

January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2005



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COUNTY OFFICIALS

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Prosecuting Attorney	Kit C. Dean Crane	01-01-03 to 12-31-06
President of the Board of County Commissioners	Phillip J. Estridge	01-01-05 to 01-26-05
	Don L. Shaw	01-27-05 to 12-31-05
	Larry D. Hale	01-01-06 to 12-31-06
President of the County Council	Robert L. Veach	01-01-05 to 12-31-06



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TO: THE OFFICIALS OF HENRY COUNTY

We have audited the records of the County Prosecuting Attorney 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 Result and Comment. The financial transactions of this office are reflected in the Annual Report of Henry County for the year 2005.

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September 13, 2006

COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY
HENRY COUNTY
AUDIT RESULT AND COMMENT

INACCURATE SUBACCOUNT BALANCES OF CHILD SUPPORT CASES

Thirty five percent of child support cases tested had inaccurate subaccount balances.

Political subdivisions are required to comply with all grant agreements, rules, regulations, bulletins, directives, letters, letter rulings and filing requirements concerning reports and other procedural matters of federal and state agencies, including opinions of the Attorney General of the State of Indiana, and court decisions. Governmental units should file accurate reports required by federal and state agencies. Noncompliance may require corrective action. (Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Counties)

COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY
HENRY COUNTY
EXIT CONFERENCE

The contents of this report were discussed on July 18, 2006, with Kit C. Dean Crane, County Prosecuting Attorney. The official response has been made a part of this report and may be found on pages 6 and 7.

Also, the contents of this report were discussed on September 13, 2006, with Linda S. Ratcliff, Auditor; Larry D. Hale, President of the Board of County Commissioners; Robert Veach, President of the County Council; and Philip J. Estridge, member of the Board of County Commissioners.

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July 28, 2006

State Board of Accounts
ATTN: Mr. Bruce Hartman
Audit & Accounting Operations
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Dear Mr. Hartman:

Re: LETTER OF CONCURRENCE
CFDA # 93.563

I appreciated an opportunity on July 18 to meet with Mike Wade to discuss your agency's findings with respect to the Indiana Support Enforcement Tracking System (ISETS) and the review of my Child Support Office.

Although I concur with your agency's findings, I wanted to nonetheless take this opportunity to offer some observations.

The federal government, by way of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, required each of the states to establish a statewide child support computer system by October 1, 1997. In the years prior to 1997, Indiana and other states always received a waiver and were allowed to be exempt from such a requirement. However, in 1997 Indiana and other states were unsuccessful in obtaining a waiver. Therefore, Indiana had to either implement ISETS before it was completely ready or lose certain financing from the federal government.

The "trickle down" effect of the federal government's threat to the State of Indiana was that the State then passed on similar threats to county clerks and prosecutors throughout the state. I remember reluctantly signing off on and agreeing to this ISETS requirement and frankly, it seemed at first to be more trouble than it is worth. However, the State has apparently worked through the more significant defects in the iSETS system and it appears to be worth the effort.

Local clerks and prosecutors periodically receive mandates from both the federal and state government; however, we do not receive any funding for such mandates. In fact, the amount of incentive moneys received by county clerks and prosecutors has dwindled since the implementation of ISETS. Accordingly, more and more is expected from county clerks and prosecutors with less and less resources provided.

Local attempts to obtain county council approval for additional child support staff over each of the last nine years have been unsuccessful.

In my letter to you dated June 29, 2005, I indicated to you, among other things, that following the July 2004 resignation of my long time child support office manager, I had promoted my present office manager, Mandy Gossage. I further indicated to you that Mandy was formerly employed in the Delaware County Prosecutor's Child Support Office and brought with her to this office vast experience.

I further indicated to you that I had, in June 2005, noticed significant improvements in the operation of the office since she began managing my Child Support Division.

With all of this being said, I was pleased to learn that our error rate this past year was reduced in half from where it was this time last year. Hopefully, we will see a similar reduction this time next year.

Again, I do appreciate the opportunity to have met with Mike and the opportunity to respond in writing to the Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs. I remain

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kit C. Dean Crane', with a horizontal line extending to the right from the end of the signature.

Kit C. Dean Crane
Prosecuting Attorney

Cc: Hon. Linda Ratcliff, Clerk
Henry Circuit & Superior Courts
Board of Henry County Commissioners