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EXAMINATION REPORT
OF
COUNTY SHERIFF
JENNINGS COUNTY, INDIANA
January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2005



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COUNTY OFFICIALS

<u>Office</u>	<u>Official</u>	<u>Term</u>
Sheriff	Earl L. Taggart Stephan D. Hoppock	01-01-03 to 12-31-06 01-01-07 to 12-31-10
President of the County Council	Kenneth W. Pettit Edward Maschino	01-01-05 to 12-31-06 01-01-07 to 12-31-07
President of the Board of County Commissioners	Robert R. Willhite Richard B. Schneider	01-01-05 to 12-31-06 01-01-07 to 12-31-07



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TO: THE OFFICIALS OF JENNINGS COUNTY

We have examined the records of the County Sheriff 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 Examination Results and Comments. The financial transactions of this office are reflected in the Examination Report of Jennings County for the year 2005.

STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTS

January 25, 2007

COUNTY SHERIFF
JENNINGS COUNTY
EXAMINATION RESULTS AND COMMENTS

DRUG BUY MONEY

The County provides \$600 per year to the Sheriff's Department for "Drug Buy Money." The Sheriff's Department uses "Drug Buy Money" in the investigation of certain crimes. No ordinance has been approved by the County authorizing the funding of a Buy Money Fund.

The County Bulletin and Uniform Compliance Guidelines, April 2001, provides the following guidelines regarding the accounting for "Buy Monies":

- 1) Under Indiana Code 36-1-3 an ordinance be passed allowing this type of program and associated expenditures;
- 2) An appropriation for such purpose be provided in the manner authorized by statute;
- 3) Petty cash fund procedures are followed as authorized by Indiana Code 36-1-8-3; and
- 4) A minimum documentation procedure be followed, similar to either:
 - a. Guidelines for Confidential Expenditures, Appendix J, Indiana Criminal Justice Planning Agency Financial Guide; or
 - b. Guidelines for Withdrawal of Money and Reporting Procedures of Enforcement Aid Fund Monies, Indiana State Police Department.

INMATE TRUST RECORDS

According to Sheriff's Department officials, the computer system for the inmate trust fund can only print out the detail of outstanding inmate trust accounts for the current date. The Sheriff's Department did not print out a hard copy of the inmate trust ledger anytime during the year and did not perform any procedures to reconcile the detail trust account with Inmate Trust Fund control.

We requested Sheriff Department officials print a detail trust ledger at November 30, 2006. We compared the outstanding trust with the amount of monies held in the Inmate Trust Fund on November 30, 2006. Our comparison showed \$6,208 more in outstanding trust items than cash available in the Inmate Trust Fund.

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 less than 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 Counties, Chapter 1)

COUNTY SHERIFF
JENNINGS COUNTY
EXIT CONFERENCE

The contents of this report were discussed on January 25, 2007, with Stephan D. Hoppock, Sheriff; Janice L. Ramey, Auditor; Edward Maschino, President of the County Council; and Richard B. Schneider, President of the Board of County Commissioners.