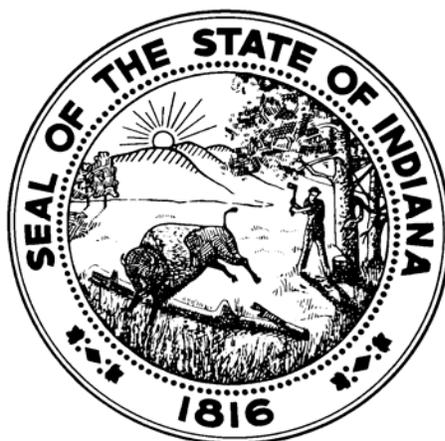


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EXAMINATION REPORT
OF
BENTON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
BENTON COUNTY, INDIANA
January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2006



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OFFICIALS

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| Director | Sandra Furr | 01-01-05 to 12-31-07 |
| Treasurer | William L. Leburg | 01-01-05 to 12-31-07 |
| President of the Board | William Weist | 01-01-05 to 12-31-07 |



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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

TO: THE OFFICIALS OF THE BENTON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY, BENTON COUNTY, INDIANA

We have examined the schedules of receipts, disbursements, and cash and investment balances of the Benton County Public Library (Library), for the period of January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2006. The Library's management is responsible for the schedules. Our responsibility is to express an opinion based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and, accordingly, included examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the schedules of receipts, disbursements, and cash and investment balances and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our examination provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the schedules referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the cash transactions of the Library for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2006, based on the criteria set forth in the uniform compliance guidelines established by the Indiana State Board of Accounts.

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September 12, 2007

BENTON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
SCHEDULES OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CASH AND INVESTMENT BALANCES
ALL GOVERNMENTAL AND FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES
As Of And For The Years Ended December 31, 2005 And 2006

| | Cash and Investments 01-01-05 | Receipts | Disbursements | Cash and Investments 12-31-05 |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Governmental Funds: | | | | |
| General | \$ 71,852 | \$ 168,010 | \$ 144,832 | \$ 95,030 |
| Gift | 4,937 | 1,588 | 381 | 6,144 |
| Community Foundation | 731 | - | 731 | - |
| Library Improvement Reserve | 686 | 10,105 | 1 | 10,790 |
| Library Capital Projects | - | 28,856 | 11,224 | 17,632 |
| Fiduciary Fund: | | | | |
| Ella Grant Lawson Scholarship | 5,717 | 154 | 500 | 5,371 |
| Totals | <u>\$ 83,923</u> | <u>\$ 208,713</u> | <u>\$ 157,669</u> | <u>\$ 134,967</u> |

| | Cash and Investments 01-01-06 | Receipts | Disbursements | Cash and Investments 12-31-06 |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Governmental Funds: | | | | |
| General | \$ 95,030 | \$ 179,249 | \$ 211,602 | \$ 62,677 |
| Gift | 6,144 | 2,185 | 3,375 | 4,954 |
| Levy Excess | - | 1,261 | - | 1,261 |
| Library Improvement Reserve | 10,790 | 40,299 | - | 51,089 |
| Library Capital Projects | 17,632 | 26,102 | 22,478 | 21,256 |
| Fiduciary Fund: | | | | |
| Ella Grant Lawson Scholarship | 5,371 | 673 | 500 | 5,544 |
| Totals | <u>\$ 134,967</u> | <u>\$ 249,769</u> | <u>\$ 237,955</u> | <u>\$ 146,781</u> |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial information.

BENTON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Note 1. Introduction

The Library was established under the laws of the State of Indiana. The Library provides the following services: culture and recreation and general administrative services.

Note 2. Fund Accounting

The Library uses funds to report on its cash and investments and the results of its operations on a cash basis. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain governmental functions or activities.

Note 3. Budgets

The operating budget is initially prepared and approved at the local level. In addition, funds for which property taxes are levied are subject to final approval by the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance.

Note 4. Property Taxes

Property taxes levied are collected by the County Treasurer and are distributed to the Library in June and December. State statute (IC 6-1.1-17-16) requires the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance to establish property tax rates and levies by February 15. These rates were based upon the preceding year's March 1 (lien date) assessed valuations adjusted for various tax credits. Taxable property is assessed at 100% of the true tax value (determined in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance). Taxes may be paid in two equal installments which become delinquent if not paid by May 10 and November 10, respectively. All property taxes collected by the County Treasurer and available for distribution were distributed to the Library on or prior to December 31 of the year collected.

Note 5. Deposits and Investments

Deposits, made in accordance with Indiana Code 5-13, with financial institutions in the State of Indiana at year end were entirely insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation or by the Indiana Public Deposit Insurance Fund. This includes any deposit accounts issued or offered by a qualifying financial institution.

State statute (IC 5-13-9) authorizes the Library to invest in securities including, but not limited to, federal government securities, repurchase agreements, and certain money market mutual funds. Certain other statutory restrictions apply to all investments made by local governmental units.

BENTON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL INFORMATION
(Continued)

Note 6. Pension Plan

Public Employees' Retirement Fund

Plan Description

The Library contributes to the Indiana Public Employees' Retirement Fund (PERF), a defined benefit pension plan. PERF is an agent multiple-employer public employee retirement system, which provides retirement benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. All full-time employees are eligible to participate in this defined benefit plan. State statutes (IC 5-10.2 and 5-10.3) govern, through the PERF Board, most requirements of the system, and give the Library authority to contribute to the plan. The PERF retirement benefit consists of the pension provided by employer contributions plus an annuity provided by the member's annuity savings account. The annuity savings account consists of members' contributions, set by state statute at 3% of compensation, plus the interest credited to the member's account. The employer may elect to make the contributions on behalf of the member.

PERF administers the plan and issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the plan as a whole and for its participants. That report may be obtained by contacting:

Public Employees' Retirement Fund
Harrison Building, Room 800
143 West Market Street
Indianapolis, IN 46204
Ph. (317) 233-4162

Funding Policy and Annual Pension Cost

The contribution requirements of the plan members for PERF are established by the Board of Trustees of PERF.

BENTON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
EXAMINATION RESULT AND COMMENT

CONDITION OF RECORDS

As previously reported in Report B26751, the condition of Operating Fund financial records was unsatisfactory:

- (1) The subsidiary ledgers for each appropriation of the Operating Fund did not total to the control ledger for the Operating Fund.
- (2) Receipts are posted in the respective month of the transaction, but the transaction date is not recorded.

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 Libraries, Chapter 4)

Controls over the receipting, disbursing, recording, and accounting for the financial activities are necessary to avoid substantial risk of invalid transactions, inaccurate records and financial statements, and incorrect decision making. (Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Libraries, Chapter 4)

BENTON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
EXIT CONFERENCE

The contents of this report were discussed on September 12, 2007, with Sandra Furr, Director; and William L. Leburg, Treasurer. The officials concurred with our finding.