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AUDIT REPORT

OF

COUNTY AUDITOR

WAYNE COUNTY, INDIANA

January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008



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COUNTY OFFICIALS

<u>Office</u>	<u>Official</u>	<u>Term</u>
Auditor	Karen L. Stevens	01-01-07 to 12-31-10
President of the County Council	Myron Moyer Tony Gillam	01-01-08 to 12-31-08 01-01-09 to 12-31-09
President of the Board of County Commissioners	Mary C. Heyob Kenneth Paust	01-01-08 to 12-31-08 01-01-09 to 12-31-09



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TO: THE OFFICIALS OF WAYNE COUNTY, INDIANA

We have audited the records of the County Auditor for the period from January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008, 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 Wayne County for the year 2008.

STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTS

October 7, 2009

COUNTY AUDITOR  
WAYNE COUNTY  
AUDIT RESULTS AND COMMENTS

APPROPRIATIONS

The records presented for audit indicated the following disbursements in excess of budgeted appropriations:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Excess Amount Expended</u>
Homestead Credit Rebates	2008	\$ 2,619
Consolidated EDIT	2008	28,478

IC 6-1.1-18-4 states in part: ". . . the proper officers of a political subdivision shall appropriate funds in such a manner that the expenditures for a year do not exceed its budget for that year as finally determined under this article."

MORTGAGE OR CONTRACT DEDUCTIONS

The County Auditor's office allowed deductions to be approved for property taxes without a valid application on file for the deduction per IC 6-1.1-12-2(b).

Applications for mortgage or contract deductions must be filed in duplicate on forms prescribed by the State Board of Tax Commissioners, with the auditor of the county in which the real property, mobile home not assessed as real property, or manufactured home not assessed as real property is located. (Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Counties, Chapter 9)

COUNTY AUDITOR  
WAYNE COUNTY  
EXIT CONFERENCE

The contents of this report were discussed on October 7, 2009, with Karen L. Stevens, Auditor; Kenneth Paust, President of the Board of County Commissioners; Tony Gilliam, President of the County Council; and Chris Beeson, member of the County Council. The official response has been made a part of this report and may be found on page 6.



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September 24, 2009

To: State Board of Accounts  
Re: Audit Results and Comments

A finding was recorded in the 2008 Wayne County audit that says “ the Auditor’s office allowed deductions to be approved for property taxes without a valid application on file for the deduction.”

We explained that this was a computer error that was only one deduction and on for one year only. We caught it and removed it for the following year. We did not AA the amount back on as it was not the taxpayers fault. We brought the error to the attention of our software vendor and they are working to make sure this does not happen again.

This was one deduction out of thousands done correctly.

Please take these facts into consideration and include this letter with our audit.

Sincerely,

Karen Stevens  
Wayne County Auditor