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EXAMINATION REPORT  
OF  
JENNINGS COUNTY, INDIANA  
January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008



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OFFICIALS

<u>Office</u>	<u>Official</u>	<u>Term</u>
Auditor	Janice L. Ramey	01-01-07 to 12-31-10
Treasurer	Ruth Ann Horstman Sandra L. Vance	01-01-05 to 12-31-08 01-01-09 to 12-31-12
Clerk	Ronald E. Bloemer	01-01-07 to 12-31-10
Sheriff	Stephan D. Hoppock	01-01-07 to 12-31-10
Recorder	Mary E. Hendrix	01-01-07 to 12-31-10
President of the Board of County Commissioners	Richard B. Schneider Jeffery S. Day	01-01-08 to 12-31-08 01-01-09 to 12-31-10
President of the County Council	Edward L. Maschino Howard Malcomb	01-01-08 to 12-31-09 01-01-10 to 12-31-10



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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

TO: THE OFFICIALS OF JENNINGS COUNTY, INDIANA

We have examined the financial information presented herein of Jennings County (County), for the period of January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008. The County's management is responsible for the financial information presented herein. 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 financial information presented herein 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 financial information referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial information of the County for the year ended December 31, 2008, based on the criteria set forth in the uniform compliance guidelines established by the Indiana State Board of Accounts.

The Schedule of Capital Assets and Schedule of Long-Term Debt, as listed in the Table of Contents, are presented for additional analysis and are not required parts of the basic financial information. They have not been subjected to the examination procedures applied to the basic financial information and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTS

December 7, 2009

JENNINGS COUNTY  
SCHEDULES OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CASH AND INVESTMENT BALANCES  
ALL GOVERNMENTAL AND FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES  
As Of And For The Year Ended December 31, 2008

	Cash and Investments		Cash and Investments	
	01-01-08	Receipts	Disbursements	12-31-08
Governmental Funds:				
General	\$ 1,770,065	\$ 7,680,591	\$ 7,587,715	\$ 1,862,941
Riverboat Wagering Tax	90,735	302,757	322,101	71,391
County Highway	533,577	1,868,189	2,268,788	132,978
County Health	85,369	279,988	281,024	84,333
Local Road and Street	54,630	280,733	273,390	61,973
Accident Report	176	7,120	4,186	3,110
Firearms Training	1,571	15,260	11,521	5,310
Alcohol and Drug Program	24,438	64,568	70,666	18,340
Surveyor's Corner Perpetuation	27,693	5,945	8,300	25,338
Supplemental Adult Probation Services	69,969	64,778	61,115	73,632
Supplemental Juvenile Probation Users	61,454	9,599	11,814	59,239
Recorder's Records Perpetuation	26,269	31,418	37,930	19,757
County Sheriff's Donation	2,475	1,408	-	3,883
Local Health Maintenance	53,912	26,974	47,132	33,754
Sheriff's Commissary	3,161	222,778	173,816	52,123
Special Vehicle Inspection	515	890	1,374	31
Emergency Telephone System	307,690	526,759	659,120	175,329
County Family and Children	875,914	1,467,809	2,342,860	863
Property Reassessment	271,418	85,320	122,840	233,898
County Drug Free Community	33,983	20,660	37,147	17,496
Court Appointed Special Advocate	9,118	8,700	17,400	418
Law Enforcement	9,035	1,167	7,884	2,318
Operation Pull-Over	1,056	3,925	2,778	2,203
Economic Development Income Tax	578,225	1,795,729	2,048,167	325,787
S.I.S.W.D. Grant	4,128	-	-	4,128
Community Corrections	18,515	17,541	-	36,056
Covered Bridge	14,787	3,700	-	18,487
Supplemental Public Defender	10,221	66,170	55,935	20,456
Care Initiative	292	-	-	292
Animal Control	63,545	80,862	96,018	48,389
Children's Psychiatric Residential Treatment	67,018	19,071	53,761	32,328
Equitable Share Law Enforcement	66	-	-	66
Drug Abuse Prevention	12,597	6,581	-	19,178
Adult Probation Superior Court	125,634	91,097	108,562	108,169
Jury Fees	11,134	4,666	1,471	14,329
Deferral Program	21,480	37,730	16,454	42,756
Area Plan Nonreverting	3,636	159,495	154,220	8,911
Law Enforcement Continuing Education	502	-	-	502
Court Security	-	31,093	17,926	13,167
4-D Child Support Impact	22,639	-	-	22,639
Clerk's Document Storage Fee	43,243	8,060	15,687	35,616
Criminal Records	159	-	-	159
Nonreverting Prisoner Reimbursement	34,083	16,945	10,000	41,028
Victim's of Crime Assistance	2,727	10,628	13,355	-
Rainy Day	-	144,263	-	144,263
Tax Sale Costs	28,229	19,810	16,096	31,943
Pre-Trial Diversion	10,094	6,840	12,819	4,115
Transfer Fee	5,060	6,225	7,200	4,085
Supplemental Circuit Probation Service	4,220	10,615	14,245	590
Supplemental Superior Probation Services	17,596	20,041	6,312	31,325
Supplemental Juvenile Probation Services	6,515	4,800	2,734	8,581
Sales Disclosure Local	18,022	3,255	11,255	10,022
Bio-Terrorism	90	-	-	90
Landfill Closure	10,148	-	-	10,148
Cumulative Bridge	672,495	452,130	848,723	275,902
Park Nonreverting Capital	85,766	72,110	45,004	112,872
Cumulative Courthouse	182,564	102,566	17,666	267,464
Pass-Through Loan	492	-	492	-
Courthouse Bond Redemption	384,632	765,875	764,000	386,507
Muscatatuck Refuge	-	18,799	18,799	-
Solid Waste System	7,848	48,353	50,535	5,666
Public Health Preparedness	4,701	40,351	45,052	-
Death Benefit	2,910	1,435	-	4,345
Community Service	13,182	9,332	4,971	17,543

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

JENNINGS COUNTY  
SCHEDULES OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CASH AND INVESTMENT BALANCES  
ALL GOVERNMENTAL AND FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES  
As Of And For The Year Ended December 31, 2008  
(Continued)

	Cash and Investments 01-01-08	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-08
Governmental Funds (continued):				
Tobacco Settlement	23,792	39,383	33,116	30,059
Recorder's Security Protection	5,549	10,149	6,866	8,832
Electronic Map	500	3,250	2,500	1,250
Rescue 20 Grant	725	-	-	725
Local Emergency Planning Grant	14,290	-	2,478	11,812
Emergency Management Nonreverting	12,173	51,434	35,055	28,552
Interpreter Grant	625	-	475	150
Pandemic Assessment	3,010	-	3,010	-
Race and Gender Interpreter Grant	400	-	50	350
Innkeepers Tax	31,771	31,172	31,000	31,943
Paramedic Training	7,405	9,753	13,735	3,423
2008 Indiana Natural Disaster	-	65,972	1,423	64,549
Asset Forfeiture	-	13,123	9,731	3,392
MUTC Sewer Grant	-	67,250	52,250	15,000
North Vernon Redevelopment-CR 350N	-	263,898	262,429	1,469
Fiduciary Funds:				
County Treasurer	221,970	29,479,124	29,410,164	290,930
Tax Sale Redemption	124	81,898	80,462	1,560
Tax Sale Surplus	389,888	72,511	344,636	117,763
Mortgage Fee	283	2,652	2,730	205
Tax Increment Financing #1	-	69,462	69,462	-
Domestic Violence	12,274	20,569	32,843	-
Inheritance Tax	97,282	349,617	446,899	-
Surplus Tax	586	52,748	53,334	-
Congressional Interest	8,539	358	705	8,192
Tax Distributions	-	33,135,069	33,135,069	-
Infraction Judgments	2,758	39,985	36,229	6,514
Payroll Withholdings	18,367	2,202,283	2,206,959	13,691
Tax Certificate Sale	2,617	-	180	2,437
Education License Plate Fees	-	1,238	1,238	-
County User Fee	155	-	155	-
Local DNR Law Enforcement	1,784	95	-	1,879
Coroner's Training and Continuing Education	58	1,839	1,792	105
State Sales Disclosure Fee	115	3,255	3,200	170
City and Town Court Cost	715	9,660	9,734	641
Fines and Forfeitures	3,904	22,331	23,245	2,990
Welfare Trust	101,059	12,206	108,736	4,529
County Law Enforcement Continuing Education	24,094	6,642	2,239	28,497
Interstate Compact Fee	-	450	75	375
Muscatatuck Park	-	73,452	72,110	1,342
EMS Clearing	27,963	314,817	317,522	25,258
Clerk of the Circuit Court	756,281	4,292,733	4,336,244	712,770
Area Plan Commission	50	83,571	83,571	50
County Auditor	50	13,519	13,244	325
County Sheriff	9,535	516,971	522,786	3,720
Health Department	-	60,405	60,405	-
County Animal Control	600	10,862	10,862	600
County Recorder	50	111,139	111,139	50
Sheriff's Inmate Trust	18,947	190,854	191,465	18,336
County Hospital Care for the Indigent	-	254,741	254,741	-
Medical Assistance to Wards	-	38,507	38,507	-
Children with Special Health Care Needs	-	27,646	27,646	-
Sewer Lien Fund	-	3,902	3,902	-
Campbell Sewer Lien	-	3,523	3,523	-
Sheriff's Pension	1,226,133	102,327	68,885	1,259,575
Homestead Credit Rebate	745,324	105,055	845,776	4,603
State Homestead Credit	-	1,549,490	1,539,358	10,132
Congressional Principal	11,745	-	11,745	-
Excess CAGIT	-	220,337	220,337	-
Excess CEDIT	-	41,851	41,851	-
Totals	<u>\$ 10,586,908</u>	<u>\$ 91,188,582</u>	<u>\$ 94,008,183</u>	<u>\$ 7,767,307</u>

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

JENNINGS COUNTY  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Note 1. Introduction

The County was established under the laws of the State of Indiana. The County provides the following services: public safety (police), highways and streets, sanitation, health, welfare, and social services, culture and recreation, public improvements, planning and zoning, and general administrative services.

Note 2. Fund Accounting

The County 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, or highway use taxes are received, 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 County 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 County 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 County 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.

JENNINGS COUNTY  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL INFORMATION  
(Continued)

Note 6. Pension Plans

Single-Employer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

A. County Police Retirement Plan

Plan Description

The primary government contributes to the County Police Retirement Plan, which is a single-employer defined benefit pension plan. With the approval of the primary government's fiscal body, the plan is administered by the sheriff's department and an appointed trustee as authorized by state statute (IC 36-8-10-12) for full-time police officers. The plan provides retirement, death, and disability benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. The trustee issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information of the plan. The 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 plan members for the County Police Retirement Plan are established by state statute.

B. County Police Benefit Plan

Plan Description

The primary government contributes to the County Police Benefit Plan which is a single-employer defined benefit pension plan. With the approval of the primary government's fiscal body, the plan is administered by the sheriff's department and an appointed trustee as authorized by state statute (IC 36-8-10-12) for full-time police officers. The plan provides dependent pensions, life insurance, and disability benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. The trustee issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information of the plan. The report may be obtained by contacting:

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Funding Policy and Annual Pension Cost

The contribution requirements of plan members for the County Police Benefit Plan are established by state statute.

JENNINGS COUNTY  
 SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
 SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL ASSETS  
 December 31, 2008

Capital assets are reported at actual or estimated historical cost based on appraisals or deflated current replacement cost. Contributed or donated assets are reported at estimated fair value at the time received.

General infrastructure assets are included if acquired (purchased, constructed, or donated) after July 1, 1980, or if they received major renovations, restorations, or improvements after that date. The government was able to estimate the historical cost for the initial reporting of these assets through backtrending (i.e., estimating the current replacement cost of the infrastructure to be capitalized and using an appropriate price-level index to deflate the cost to the acquisition year or estimated acquisition year). As the government constructs or acquires additional capital assets each period, including infrastructure assets, they are reported at historical cost.

<u>Primary Government</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Governmental activities:	
Capital assets, not being depreciated:	
Land	\$ 213,989
Infrastructure	77,380,627
Buildings	9,215,277
Improvements other than buildings	995,621
Machinery and equipment	<u>7,139,099</u>
 Total governmental activities, capital assets not being depreciated	 <u><u>\$ 94,944,613</u></u>

JENNINGS COUNTY  
 SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
 SCHEDULE OF LONG-TERM DEBT  
 December 31, 2008

The County has entered into the following debt:

Description of Debt	Ending Principal Balance	Principal and Interest Due Within One Year
Governmental activities:		
Capital leases:		
Manatron	\$ 16,924	\$ 17,485
E911 Motorola	205,929	57,676
Ambulance	87,491	46,216
2 Kenworth Dump Trucks	133,882	37,455
County Highway Truck	19,498	20,140
County Highway Gradall	62,678	33,184
2 Dodge Dump Trucks	36,215	19,234
Bonds payable:		
General obligation bonds:		
Courthouse Annex/Jail	<u>3,990,000</u>	<u>765,500</u>
Total governmental activities debt	<u>\$ 4,552,617</u>	<u>\$ 996,890</u>

JENNINGS COUNTY  
OTHER REPORTS

The report presented herein was prepared in addition to other official reports prepared for the individual County offices listed below:

County Treasurer  
County Sheriff  
Clerk of the Circuit Court

JENNINGS COUNTY  
EXIT CONFERENCE

The contents of this report were discussed on December 7, 2009, with Janice L. Ramey, Auditor; and Rayann Thompson, Deputy Auditor.