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EXAMINATION REPORT  
OF  
FOUNTAIN COUNTY, INDIANA  
January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009



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OFFICIALS

<u>Office</u>	<u>Official</u>	<u>Term</u>
Auditor	Colleen Chambers	01-01-09 to 12-31-12
Treasurer	Susan A. Coffing	01-01-09 to 12-31-12
Clerk of the Circuit Court	Patricia Gritten	01-01-07 to 12-31-10
Sheriff	Robert Bass	01-01-07 to 12-31-10
Recorder	Brenda Hollycross	01-01-07 to 12-31-10
President of the Board of County Commissioners	Janet Shoaf Walter R. Wilson	01-01-09 to 12-31-09 01-01-10 to 12-31-10
President of the County Council	Richard Klage	01-01-09 to 12-31-10



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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

TO: THE OFFICIALS OF FOUNTAIN COUNTY, INDIANA

We have examined the financial information presented herein of Fountain County (County), for the period of January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009. 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, 2009, based on the criteria set forth in the uniform compliance guidelines established by the Indiana State Board of Accounts.

Included in the financial statements are the receipts and disbursements activity from emergency telephone system fees (IC 36-8-16) and enhanced wireless emergency telephone fees (IC 36-8-16.5). In accordance with IC 36-8-16-14 and IC 36-8-16.5-41 these fees have been subjected to an annual examination performed by the State Board of Accounts and, in our opinion, are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements.

The Schedule of Long-Term Debt, as listed in the Table of Contents, is presented for additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial information. It has not been subjected to the examination procedures applied to the basic financial information and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTS

June 16, 2010

FOUNTAIN COUNTY  
SCHEDULES OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CASH AND INVESTMENT BALANCES  
ALL GOVERNMENTAL, PROPRIETARY, AND FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES  
As Of And For The Year Ended December 31, 2009

	Cash and Investments 01-01-09	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-09
Governmental Funds:				
General	\$ 4,085,282	\$ 5,942,795	\$ 5,639,466	\$ 4,388,611
Property Reassessment	22,096	131,090	65,810	87,376
County Surveyors Corner Perpetuation	36,849	3,775	-	40,624
Federal Law Enforcement Dist	67	-	-	67
Infraction Deferral	56,022	32,111	29,807	58,326
Jury Pay	14,651	4,555	7,819	11,387
Emergency Management	14,453	-	14,453	-
County ID Security Protection	14,038	5,846	10,041	9,843
Recorder's Records Perpetuation	13,035	22,858	30,946	4,947
County Sales Disclosure	9,807	5,984	-	15,791
E 911 Sinking Fund	-	79,865	79,865	-
Cert Training Grant	2,139	-	-	2,139
County Misdemeanant	9,148	12,732	12,907	8,973
Farm Maintenance	368,217	3,178	-	371,395
Co Share Riverboat Revenue	153,875	163,336	-	317,211
Co. General Maintenance	297,792	14,722	950	311,564
Clerk's Records Perpetuation	21,091	9,325	6,500	23,916
Cannabis Marijuana Eradication	4,500	-	-	4,500
Service Process	7,129	8,239	7,129	8,239
Community Correction Local Appropriation	2,758	17,342	16,299	3,801
Community Correction Home Detention	607,312	621,295	823,213	405,394
Community Transition	4,846	25,399	27,245	3,000
Administration Fee Probation Users	6,078	13,094	18,788	384
Adult Probation Services	2,166	75,909	67,459	10,616
Guardian Ad Litem/ Court (GAL)	11,982	-	-	11,982
Special Death Benefit Fee	940	1,420	2,285	75
Public Defense Admin Fee	22,620	7,233	-	29,853
Court Admin Fee	23,105	11,812	-	34,917
DNA Sample Processing	8,938	3,074	-	12,012
Pretrial Diversion	3,072	981	2,000	2,053
Eradication	558	-	-	558
Community Correction 05/06	322	436,781	217,001	220,102
Community Correction 06/07	14,792	168,712	182,202	1,302
Rainy Day	468,764	970,544	444,254	995,054
Highway	144,756	1,963,243	1,893,096	214,903
Co Highway Christmas Fund	-	650	650	-
Local Roads and Streets	(11,181)	159,921	119,318	29,422
Cumulative Bridge	254,668	526,663	447,838	333,493
Health	163,467	334,263	233,950	263,780
Public Health Bioterrorism	2,856	-	421	2,435
Public Health Coordinator	-	13,954	14,850	(896)
State Grant #2 H1N1 Grant	-	26,076	18,921	7,155
County Alcohol and Drug Program	28,713	46,609	56,462	18,860
Health Maintenance	40,618	33,139	38,369	35,388
Tobacco Settlement	79,055	62,047	39,039	102,063
County Family and Children	499,820	288,737	788,557	-
Clerk IV-D Incentive	21,826	5,861	5,139	22,548
Prosecutor Title IVD	15,125	8,817	6,618	17,324
Child Psychiatric Res	146,915	5,072	151,987	-
General Drain Improvement	246,584	1,172	-	247,756
Drainage Maintenance	284,055	11,632	11,492	284,195
Law Enforcement Equipment	15	-	-	15
Sheriff's Dive Team	54	-	-	54
Covered Bridge	35,445	5,550	-	40,995
Covered Bridge Donations	-	35,000	-	35,000
Accident Report	1,096	508	1,591	13
Firearms Training	477	-	28	449
Operation Pullover	2,209	-	-	2,209
County Drug Free Community	34,068	19,849	28,959	24,958
County Law Enforcement Continued Education	17,818	12,178	6,598	23,398
User Fee	8,783	7,117	3,667	12,233
Emergency Telephone System (E911)	220,924	127,751	184,187	164,488
Wireless Emergency Telephone System	-	72,291	-	72,291
Non-Revert Prison Reimbursement	33,987	7,908	-	41,895
Emergency Planning/Right to Know	21,893	3,630	2,062	23,461
State Grant Domestic Preparedness	-	9,881	14,881	(5,000)
AFDC Local Plan Community	384	-	-	384
Cumulative Capital Development	716,474	159,731	580,499	295,706

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

FOUNTAIN COUNTY  
SCHEDULES OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CASH AND INVESTMENT BALANCES  
ALL GOVERNMENTAL, PROPRIETARY, AND FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES  
As Of And For The Year Ended December 31, 2009  
(Continued)

	Cash and Investments 01-01-09	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-09
Governmental Funds (continued):				
Dare Donations	275	-	-	275
Dare Grant	1	-	-	1
Every 15 Minutes	253	-	-	253
Mural Restoration	327	-	-	327
Sheriff's Commissary	10,794	24,287	29,240	5,841
Proprietary Fund:				
Employee Benefit Trust	23,244	1,645,218	1,624,939	43,523
Fiduciary Funds:				
Trust Funds:				
Sheriff Pension	1,010,766	21,674	44,616	987,824
Congressional School Principal	26,687	-	-	26,687
Landfill Post Closure Trust	70,702	2,058	-	72,760
Agency Funds:				
Mortgage Fee Fund	1,145	1,695	2,713	127
State Sales Disclosure	4,885	5,199	9,694	390
Wheel Tax	-	84,310	84,310	-
Surtax	-	243,962	243,962	-
Welfare Excise Tax	-	645,423	645,423	-
Surplus Tax	78,388	15,480	87,564	6,304
Tax Sale Redemption	43	452	-	495
Surplus Tax Sale	18,179	8,522	8,958	17,743
Financial Institution Tax	-	84,532	84,532	-
CVET Distributions	-	58,275	58,275	-
Option Tax Certified	-	2,171,098	2,171,098	-
Riverboat Revenue	112,627	-	112,627	-
Option Tax PTR	-	717,506	717,506	-
CEDIT Homestead Credit Fund	9,135	292,568	297,009	4,694
CAGIT Special Revenue	-	238,285	238,285	-
Homestead Cr - Local Opt	9,309	190,805	201,085	(971)
Homestead Credit Rebate	86	1	-	87
Coroner's Continuing Education	462	821	1,136	147
AFLAC	645	31,679	30,617	1,707
Money Services (health Insurance money)	3,808	1,358,019	1,361,437	390
Prudential	121	808	875	54
Central United Life	599	-	-	599
Prepaid Legal	85	1,078	1,163	-
Boston Mutual	615	8,612	8,618	609
Colonial Insurance	742	21,473	20,992	1,223
Dental Insurance	42	5,133	5,175	-
Vision Insurance	452	4,362	4,324	490
Key Life Insurance	56	1,766	1,504	318
City and Town Court Costs	123,140	6,501	-	129,641
Infraction Judgments	35,204	50,754	81,791	4,167
Education Plates	-	431	431	-
Overweight Vehicle Fines	4,899	8,803	13,603	99
Welfare Trust	9,095	-	9,095	-
Health Care for the Indigent	14,778	(14,778)	-	-
Medical Assistance to Wards	1,043	(1,043)	-	-
Special Health Care Needs	2,434	(2,434)	-	-
Bid Bond	283	-	-	283
Congressional School Interest	26,255	124	1,053	25,326
Inheritance Tax	144,476	936,000	875,823	204,653
Property Replacement Homestead	-	24,921	24,921	-
State Fines and Forfeitures	462	8,329	7,936	855
Tax Distribution	-	16,070,976	16,035,475	35,501
Principal Insurance	-	7,415	7,197	218
Clerk of Circuit Court	227,989	1,202,964	1,218,847	212,106
Community Corrections	50	587,494	587,494	50
EMS	-	606,733	561,952	44,781
Health Department	20	7,318	7,338	-
Prosecutor	-	68,278	68,275	3
Recorder	5,312	71,695	71,197	5,810
Sheriff	-	274,806	274,756	50
Sheriff's Inmate Trust	1,542	26,185	27,499	228
Treasurer	4,041,356	18,131,788	22,042,441	130,703
Totals	<u>\$ 15,342,159</u>	<u>\$ 58,701,618</u>	<u>\$ 62,370,419</u>	<u>\$ 11,673,358</u>

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

FOUNTAIN 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, health and social services, culture and recreation, public improvements, highways and roads, 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. However, due to property tax reassessment the taxes in 2009 were due July 10 and November 10. 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.

Note 6. Restatement

The Landfill Post Closure Fund has \$5,145 invested in a certificate of deposit. This was not disclosed in the previous report. The 2008 year-end balance in the fund should have been reported as \$70,702 and it was reported as \$65,557. The current year beginning balance has been restated to correct the omission of the investment in the 2008 report.

FOUNTAIN COUNTY  
 SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
 SCHEDULE OF LONG-TERM DEBT  
 December 31, 2009

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:		
Emergency telephone system	\$ 274,815	\$ 79,865
Court copier	2,028	2,136
Extension office copier	7,061	3,139
Highway Department Equipment Loan	<u>40,257</u>	<u>11,384</u>
Total governmental activities debt	<u>\$ 324,161</u>	<u>\$ 96,524</u>

FOUNTAIN COUNTY  
EXIT CONFERENCE

The contents of this report were discussed on June 16, 2010, with Colleen Chambers, Auditor, and Walter R. Wilson, President of the Board of County Commissioners. Our examination disclosed no material items that warrant comment at this time.