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AUDIT REPORT
OF
COUNTY AUDITOR
FULTON COUNTY, INDIANA
January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011



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COUNTY OFFICIALS

| <u>Office</u> | <u>Official</u> | <u>Term</u> |
|---|-----------------|----------------------|
| Auditor | Judy Reed | 01-01-09 to 12-31-12 |
| President of the County Council | James Widman | 01-01-11 to 12-31-12 |
| President of the Board of County Commissioners | Mark Rodriguez | 01-01-11 to 12-31-12 |



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TO: THE OFFICIALS OF FULTON COUNTY

We have audited the records of the County Auditor for the period from January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011, 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 Fulton County for the year 2011.

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March 6, 2012

COUNTY AUDITOR
FULTON COUNTY
AUDIT RESULTS AND COMMENTS

APPROPRIATIONS

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

| <u>Fund</u> | <u>Year</u> | <u>Excess Amount Expended</u> |
|-------------------|-------------|---------------------------------------|
| Fulton County EMS | 2011 | <u>\$ 64,894</u> |

Indiana Code 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."

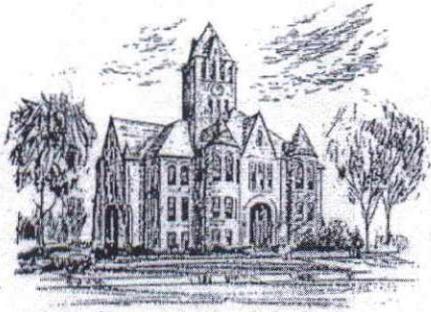
OVERDRAWN FUND BALANCES

The Fulton County EMS Fund was overdrawn \$2,993 in 2011.

The balance of any fund may not be reduced below zero. Routinely overdrawn funds could be an indicator of serious financial problems which should be investigated by the governmental unit. (Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for County Auditors Chapter 14)

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EXIT CONFERENCE

The contents of this report were discussed on April 9, 2012, with Judy Reed, Auditor; James Widman, President of the County Council; and Mark Rodriguez, President of the Board of County Commissioners. The official response has been made a part of this report and may be found on page 6.



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Mr. Bruce Hartman
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Dear Mr. Hartman:

This letter is in response to our recent audit for the 2011 year. I am getting written up due to the EMS Revenue fund with a negative balance of \$2,992.92. I know I should not have any funds with a negative balance. However, in this case there are extenuating circumstances. The President of the Board of Commissioners told everyone he did not want any negative remarks concerning the EMS, but that does not excuse the fact that they refused to acknowledge that the EMS has always operated at a loss. The County has been in control of the EMS for almost two years and has never been in the black.

I want to go on record stating we probably have the best ambulance service in our area as far as service and response time is concerned. However, unless Commissioners and Council can get control of the finances and control the overtime issues, the EMS is going to drain all of the county funds. (Rainy Day, EMS Revenue fund and the LOIT Public Safety fund). I have tried my very best to inform both Council and Commissioners there is a problem and they need to get control of this situation.

Thank you taking the time to consider this letter.

Respectfully,

Judith A. Reed
Fulton County Auditor