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AUDIT REPORT

OF

COUNTY TREASURER

STARKE COUNTY, INDIANA

January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012



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COUNTY OFFICIALS

<u>Office</u>	<u>Official</u>	<u>Term</u>
Treasurer	Kasey Clark (Interim) Linda L. Belork Kasey Clark	12-01-11 to 10-19-12 10-20-12 to 12-31-12 01-01-13 to 12-31-16
President of the County Council	Dave Pearman	01-01-12 to 12-31-13
President of the Board of County Commissioners	Kathryn Norem	01-01-12 to 12-31-13



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TO: THE OFFICIALS OF STARKE COUNTY

We have audited the records of the County Treasurer for the period from January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012, 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 Result and Comment. The financial transactions of this office are reflected in the Annual Report of Starke County for the year 2012.

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September 11, 2013

COUNTY TREASURER  
STARKE COUNTY  
AUDIT RESULT AND COMMENT

**CONDITION OF RECORDS**

The Treasurer, who began her term January 1, 2013, explained that when she attempted to reconcile to the bank balance and to complete the December 2012 monthly report, she found large errors in the daily cash ledger. The December 31, 2012 daily cash ledger showed \$15,392,060 total cash and investments, but the net balances by bank showed \$22,575,744. She corrected many errors and finally submitted her December 2012 monthly report on February 6, 2013. That report still contained some variances compared to the daily cash ledger and compared to the County Auditor's financial records.

The total December 31, 2012 balance shown on the December 2012 monthly report, \$15,302,413 (reconciled to the bank with a \$1,507.43 cash short), did not agree to the total balance on the daily cash ledger, \$15,390,498, a difference of \$88,085. Also, the December 31, 2012 total funds cash balance shown on the December 2012 monthly report, \$10,202,629, did not agree to the total shown on the County Auditor's financial records, \$10,246,004, a difference of \$43,375.

During 2013, the Treasurer, with the assistance of the County Auditor, found and corrected many errors that occurred during the term of the previous Treasurer. The July 2013 monthly report total balances agree to the daily cash ledger and to the County Auditor's financial records. The July 31, 2013 reconciliation with the bank balance shows a \$714.37 cash long.

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 County Treasurers, Chapter 10)

COUNTY TREASURER  
STARKE COUNTY  
EXIT CONFERENCE

The contents of this report were discussed on August 29, 2013, with Kasey Clark, Treasurer; and also on September 11, 2013, with Kathryn Norem, President of the Board of County Commissioners; and with Dave Pearman, President of the County Council. The officials concurred with our audit finding.