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oil and Water Conservation District
Financial Training

December 2025

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TOPICS

- ▶ Overview of the SBOA
- ▶ Resources available
- ▶ Banking Items
- ▶ Year-end Considerations
- ▶ New Legislation
- ▶ Common Questions / Q & A

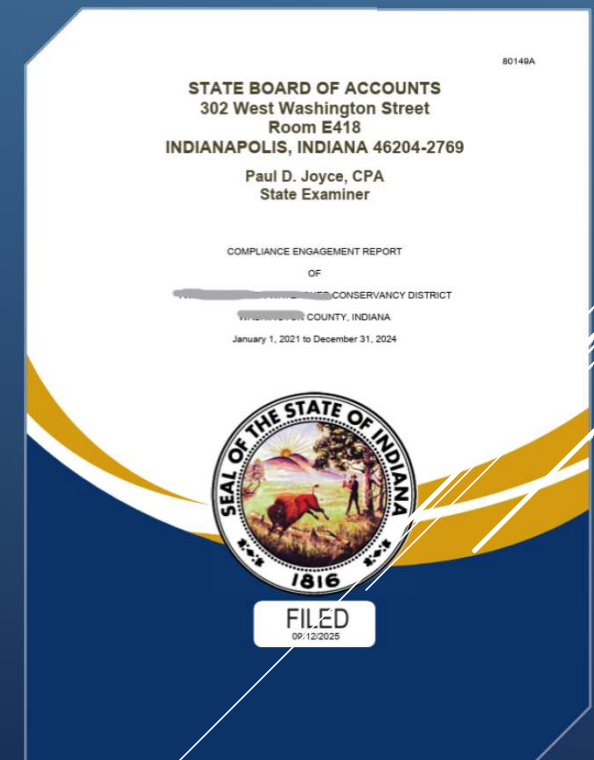
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What is the State Board of Accounts?

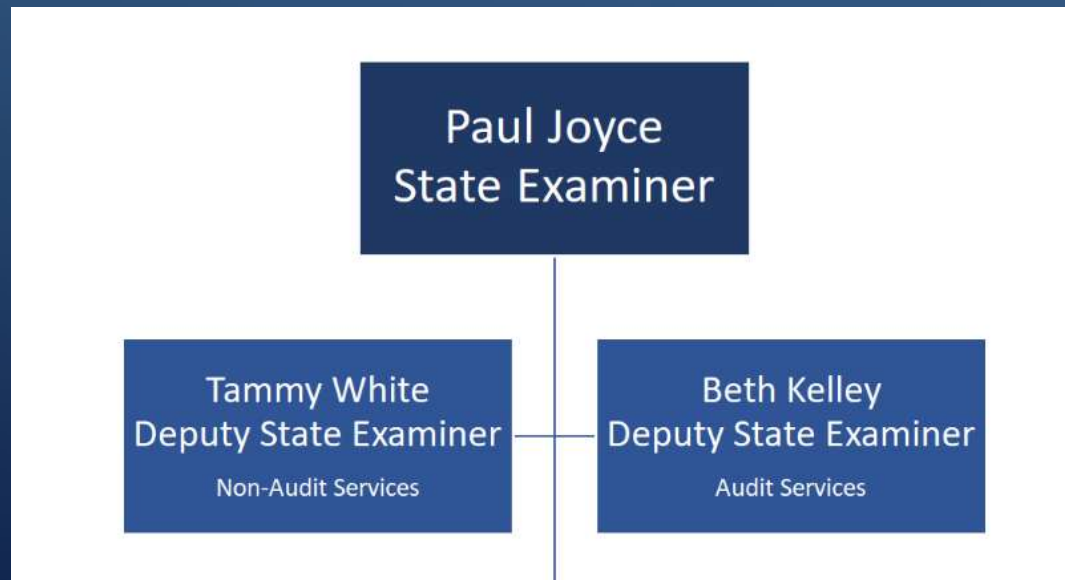
- ▶ Created by Indiana Code 5-11-1
- ▶ Audit the financial statements, records & accounts of all state and local governmental units
- ▶ Prepares and file reports opining on the accuracy of the financial statements and noting any noncompliance with laws or guidelines.



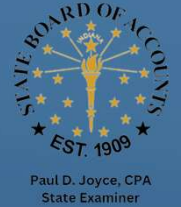
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- Indiana State Board of Accounts
 - Three-member board consisting of a State Examiner and two Deputy State Examiners



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Audit Coordinators:

- ▶ Supervise overall audit projects

Audit Managers

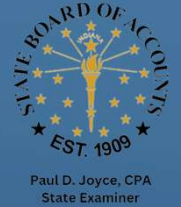
- ▶ Manage audit projects

Audit staff

- ▶ Team assigned to an engagement
 - ▶ Lead auditor and assisting field examiners

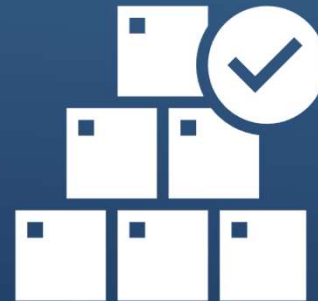


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- The Audit Process

- Entrance Conference
- Identification of Risks
- Internal Controls
- Testing
 - Substantive
 - Compliance
- Compile Findings
- Determine Opinions
- Exit Conference



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Frequency of Audits

IC 5-11-1-25(b):

- Audits conducted at times determined by SBOA using risk based criteria, which include:
 - New fiscal officer
 - Incorrect or non-filed reporting
 - Rating agency requirement
 - Any other factors determined by State Examiner
- Not less than once every 4 years

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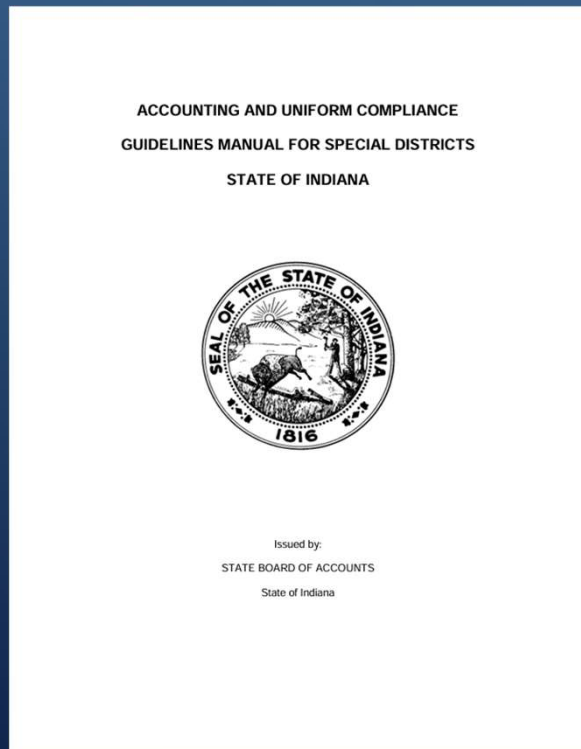


Audit Costs

- IC 5-11-4-3
 - Audit Fee: \$395 per day
 - Technology Fee: \$55 per day
 - Processing Fee: \$35 per day
- <https://www.in.gov/sboa/about-us/our-rates/>

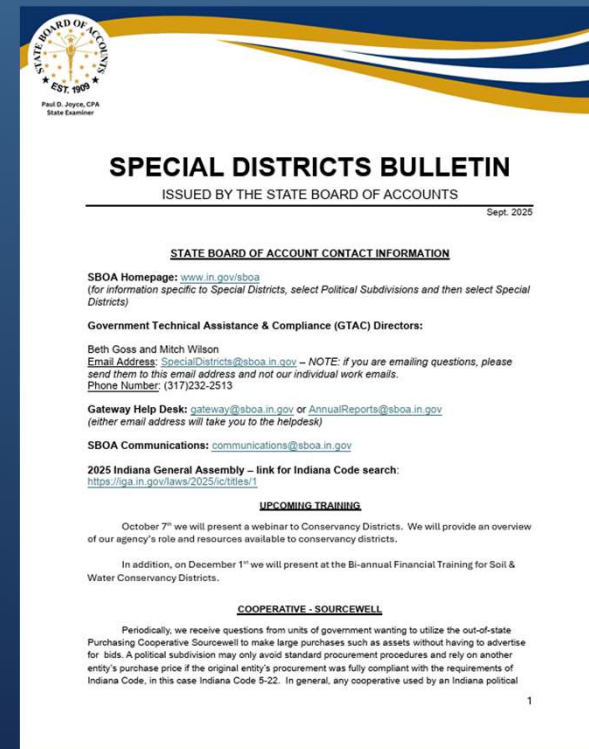
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Accounting & Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Special Districts



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Special Districts Bulletin



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Accounting & Financial Reporting Regulation Manual

ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL REPORTING REGULATION MANUAL



STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTS
302 West Washington Street
Room E416
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-2769

Issued January 2011
Revised April 2019

Effective for reporting periods beginning January 1, 2019

Uniform Internal Control Standards

UNIFORM INTERNAL CONTROL STANDARDS FOR INDIANA POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS



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Uniform Compliance Guidelines (Manuals) ▼

Manuals

Accounting and Financial Regulatory Reporting Manual

[Accounting and Financial Regulatory Reporting Manual – 2023 \(Currently Effective\)](#)

[Enhanced Regulatory Reporting Manual – \(For Future Implementation\)](#)

Internal Control Manual

[Uniform Internal Control Standards for Indiana Political Subdivisions](#)

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Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual

You can view the manual online by clicking on one of the Chapters below:

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Corrective Action Plan (CAP) – Repeat Findings

Presentations and Training Materials

SBOA YouTube Channel

Click on the above link if you wish to view training videos posted to our YouTube channel.

Conservancy District Training – October 2025

- [Wilson – SBOA Resources and Gateway Uploads](#)

Soil and Water Workshop – December 2023

- [Wilson – Technology Updates and Year-end Information](#)

Soil and Water Training – October 2023

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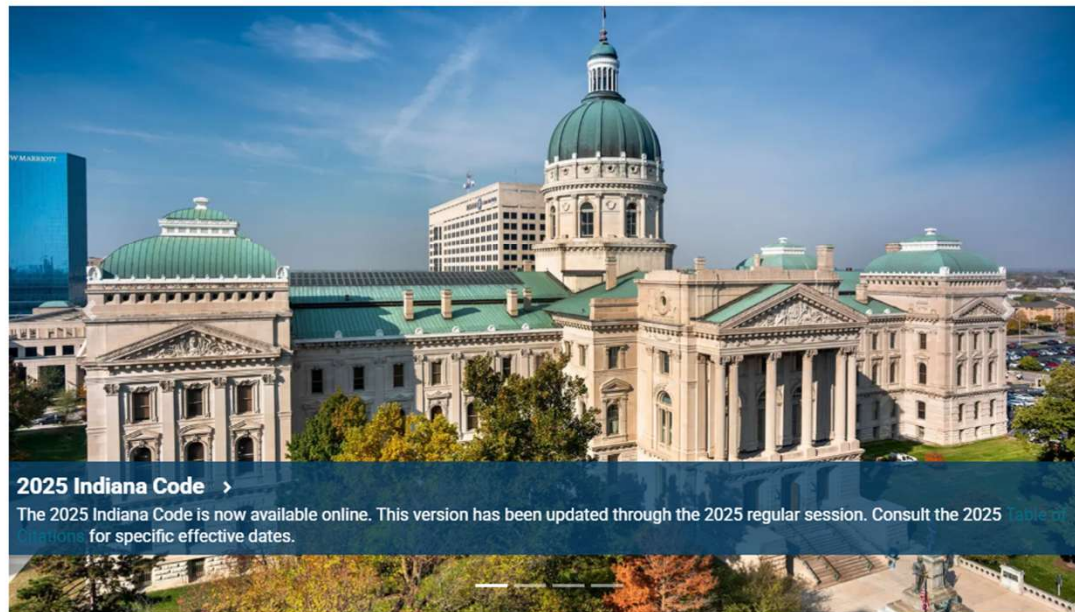


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Welcome to the Indiana General Assembly

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2025 Indiana Code >

The 2025 Indiana Code is now available online. This version has been updated through the 2025 regular session. Consult the 2025 [Table of Changes](#) for specific effective dates.

Upcoming Meetings

Calendars and Schedules

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Legislative Council, Audit
Reporting Subcommittee

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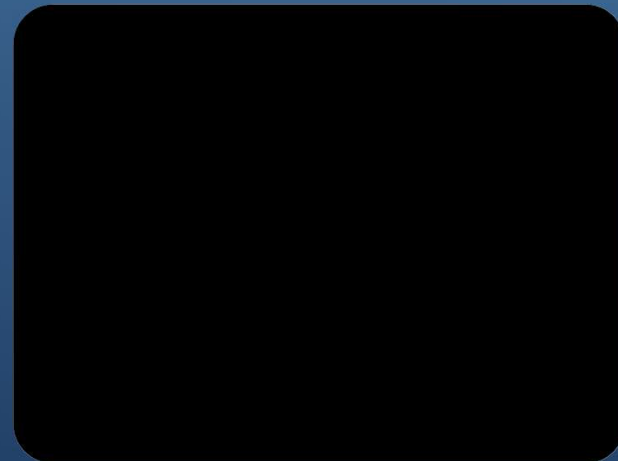
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POSITIVE PAY & REVERSE POSITIVE PAY

POSITIVE PAY DEFINED



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Check Positive Pay is a fraud mitigation service that provides early detection of fraudulent, altered or counterfeit checks through a daily verification of checks presented for payment against a check issue file.

POSITIVE PAY – HOW IT WORKS

As soon as the local unit issues checks, they simply provide their bank with a check-issue file that contains the details of the checks they want to post to their account. When checks are presented for payment, the bank will systemically compare the dollar amount and check number to the check-issue file ensuring that the information matches. If the checks presented do not match, the bank will notify the local unit of the exception.

Using the check information as well as a digital image of the check, the local unit will need to review and decide whether they want the exception items to Pay or Return.



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REVERSE POSITIVE PAY



Reverse Positive Pay provides early detection of fraudulent, altered, or counterfeit checks by allowing the local unit to review all prior day checks that were presented for payment. If any of the presented checks do not match the issued checks, the local unit can investigate further by viewing an image of the check. Each business day, the local unit is responsible for reviewing the report to determine if any items should be returned or paid within a certain period.

REVERSE POSITIVE PAY – HOW IT WORKS

The day after checks are presented for payment, the bank will post a report of all items (except teller cashed items) for the local unit to review. The report will contain check information such as the dollar amount and check number as well as digital images of the checks. The local unit would then need to review and decide if any of the items should be returned. All items without a decision will be Paid once the decision period ends.



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SUMMARY OF POSITIVE PAY AND REVERSE POSITIVE PAY



- ▶ Units are not required to have these services.
- ▶ Each local governmental unit must determine which method, if any, is right for them.
- ▶ Document board approval of either of these or other methods in the board minutes.
- ▶ Implement internal controls related to whichever method is established

WHAT IF YOU DO NEITHER...

If your local governmental unit chooses not to include Positive Pay or Reverse Positive Pay then you need to be diligent in performing timely bank reconcilements and be on the look out for oddities on cleared checks.

Examples:

- ❑ Misspellings on cleared checks
- ❑ Change of the name of the vendor and/or amount
- ❑ Differences in the paper of the cleared checks.
 - ❑ Is it the same check stock
 - ❑ Same check # sequence



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FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS



IC 5-13-8-9 (F) – DEPOSIT OF FUNDS IN DEPOSITORIES

- (f) The investing officer shall maintain the deposits as follows:
- (1) In one or more depositories designated for the political subdivision, if the sum of the monthly average balances of all the transaction accounts for the political subdivision does not exceed one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000).
 - (2) In each depository designated for the political subdivision, if subdivision (1) does not apply and fewer than three financial institutions are designated by the local board of finance as a depository.
 - (3) In at least two depositories designated for the political subdivision, if subdivision (1) does not apply and at least three financial institutions are designated by the local board of finance as a depository.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS (CONTINUED)

- QUESTIONS WE RECEIVE



- ▶ Who is the Board of Finance?
 - ▶ Our viewpoint is the District Board acts as the Board of Finance
 - ▶ They should designate depositories the district will use for the year at a board meeting
 - ▶ Therefore, if you want to move district money to another bank it can be done as long as the Board of Finance has designated that bank as a depository.
- ▶ What if there is only one bank identified?
 - ▶ Then the district will only hold funds in the one depository that was designated.
- ▶ What if during the year the district wants to use an additional depository?
 - ▶ Board of Finance would have to designate the additional depository at a board meeting.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS (CONTINUED)

- ▶ Approved Depository List
 - ▶ Banks utilized for their accounts or investments should be from a bank noted on the Treasurer of State's approved depository list
 - ▶ This list is updated periodically throughout the year.
 - ▶ Link to this website: <https://www.in.gov/tos/deposit/indiana-approved-depositories-and-how-to-apply/>

YEAR - END CONSIDERATIONS



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GATEWAY

- ✓ Annual Financial Report (AFR)
- ✓ Form 100-R
- ✓ Monthly / Annual Uploads

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT - GATEWAY



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The screenshot displays the 'Annual Financial Report Main Menu' for the Indiana Gateway. The page includes a navigation bar with links for Home, About, Account Settings, User Guides, and Logout. The user is logged in as 'Mostert County' and 'Board Special District' for the year '2020'. The main menu is divided into several sections:

- Unit Information:** Includes links for 'Unit Questions' and 'Schedule of Officials'. The status is 'Complete'.
- Core Reporting:** Includes links for 'Financial Data by Fund', 'Capital Assets', 'Grants', 'Accounts Payable/Receivable', 'Transfer Schedule', 'Debt', 'Financial Assistance to Non-Governmental Entities', 'OPES', and 'Risk Assessment'. The status is 'Complete'.
- System Functions:** Includes links for 'Upload Files', 'Annual Report Outputs', 'Financial Statements PDFs', 'Review Submission', and 'Unsubmit Annual Report'. The status is 'Updated'.

The page also features a 'Powered by Information Performance' logo at the bottom right.

- Required by IC 5-11-1-4
- Due 60 days after end of year (3/1/26)

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT - GATEWAY



- Capital Assets
 - Capitalization Policy
 - Threshold for all assets
 - Estimated useful life
 - Depreciation method

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT - GATEWAY



- Capital Assets (cont.)
 - Additions and Reductions
 - Based on historical cost
 - Claims, contracts, historical documents
 - Consumer Price Index to calculate
 - December 2024 Bulletin

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT - GATEWAY



- Capital Assets (cont.)
 - Additions and Reductions
 - Sold Building for \$50,000
 - Purchased equipment for \$10,000

Governmental Activities - Depreciable Assets

Government or Enterprise	Beginning Balance as of January 1, 2025	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance as of December 31, 2025
Infrastructure	\$100,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100,000.00
Buildings	\$100,000.00	\$0.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
Improvements Other Than Buildings	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50,000.00
Machinery, Equipment, and Vehicles	\$25,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$35,000.00
Books and Other	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT - GATEWAY



- Capital Assets (cont.)
 - Accumulated Depreciation
 - Sold Building for \$50,000
 - Purchased equipment for \$10,000
 - Useful life: 5 years
 - $\$10,000 / 5 \text{ years} = \$2,000$ depreciation per year

Governmental Activities - Accumulated Depreciation

Government or Enterprise	Beginning Balance as of January 1, 2025	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance as of December 31, 2025
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Improvements Other Than Buildings	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50,000.00
Machinery, Equipment, and Vehicles	\$25,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$27,000.00
Books and Other	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

FORM 100R - GATEWAY



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- Required by IC 5-11-13-1
- Due during the month of January for the preceding year *(by 1/31/26)*

The screenshot displays the 'Gateway for government units' website. The header includes navigation links: Home, About, Account Settings, User Guides, and Logout. The main content area is titled '100R Main Menu' and includes a sub-header 'Select Unit and Year > 100R Main Menu'. Below this, there is a table with three columns: 'Unit Questions', 'Status', and 'Rows Entered'. The table lists three items: 'Employee Data Entry', '100R Report Outputs', and 'Submit 100R'. The 'Status' column shows 'Complete' for the first two and 'Not Submitted' for the last. The 'Rows Entered' column shows '2 Rows Entered' for the first two and 'Available' for the last. A footer section contains a disclaimer about the website's purpose and a link to the Indiana State Board of Accounts. The bottom right corner features the text 'POWERED BY information INDIANA'.

Unit Questions	Status	Rows Entered
Employee Data Entry	Complete	2 Rows Entered
100R Report Outputs	Complete	Available
Submit 100R	Not Submitted	Available

FORM 100R - GATEWAY

- Form 100-R must be submitted even if there are no employees to report.
- Show “0” for Unit Question #1

100R Unit Questions ?

1. Please enter the number of employees (full and part time) that you paid compensation to **anytime during the past year**. Use IRS guidelines to determine employment status and compensation. If you did not have any paid employees, enter 0. **This will delete any employee records for this unit for this year.**



MONTHLY UPLOADS - GATEWAY



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MONTHLY UPLOADS – WHEN ARE THEY DUE



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- January monthly files – March 15th
- February monthly files – April 15th
- March monthly files – May 15th
- April monthly files – June 15th
- May monthly files – July 15th
- June monthly files – August 15th
- July monthly files – September 15th
- August monthly files – October 15th
- September monthly files – November 15th
- October monthly files – December 15th
- November monthly files – January 15th
- December monthly files – February 15th

MONTHLY UPLOADS – GATEWAY



Bank Information

- Reconciliation for each bank account you have
- Includes copy of
 - Statement
 - Optical images of checks
 - List of outstanding checks

MONTHLY UPLOADS – GATEWAY



Meeting Minutes

- Minutes from each Board meeting
- If not signed/approved before due date, upload unsigned copy and replace with approved copy later
- If meetings are not monthly, indicate so

Provide File

☐ File Upload

☐ Web Link

☒ No Meeting

There was no board meeting held.

MONTHLY UPLOADS – GATEWAY

Funds Ledger

- List of funds from your ledger/Quickbooks
- Includes
 - ✓ Beginning of month fund cash & investment balance
 - ✓ Receipts in total for the month
 - ✓ Disbursements in total for the month
 - ✓ Ending fund balance

	<u>Beg Balance</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>End Cash Balance</u>
General Fund	<u>\$109,893.42</u>	<u>\$ 453.34</u>	<u>\$ 862.21</u>	<u>\$ 109,484.55</u>

MONTHLY UPLOADS – GATEWAY



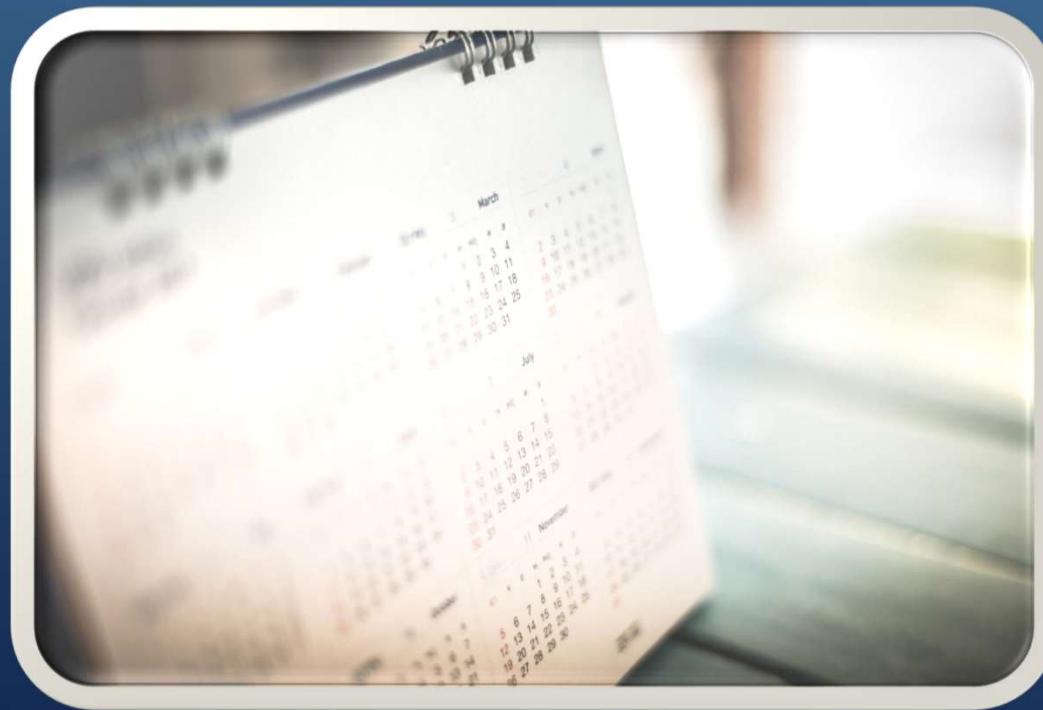
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GENERAL FUND	
BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD	\$109,893.42
Income	
Interest on Checking	\$4.35
Plat book, flags	\$20.00
Seeder rental	\$385.00
office supply return	\$43.99
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$453.34
DISBURSEMENTS	
Rent	\$620.00
Telephone/Internet	\$93.42
Mileage, meals	\$68.50
Office Supplies	\$52.82
4-H Fair supplies	\$19.52
postage	\$7.95
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$862.21
TOTAL BALANCE IN CHECKING	\$109,484.55
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	\$109,484.55

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ANNUAL UPLOADS – GATEWAY

Required to be uploaded by March 1, 2025

- Same timeline as the SBOA AFR
- Includes:
 - ✓ Year End Investment Statements
 - ✓ Detail of Receipt Activity
 - ✓ Detail of Disbursement Activity
 - ✓ Salary Ordinance
 - ✓ Vendor History Report
 - ✓ Payroll History Report
 - ✓ Funds Ledger
 - ✓ Accounts Payable / Receivable Report
 - ✓ Personnel Policy
 - ✓ Excel Data Capture

The screenshot displays the 'Gateway for government units' website. The header includes navigation links: Home, About, Account Settings, Help, and Logout. The main heading is 'Monthly and Annual Engagement Uploads'. Below this, there is a section for 'File Upload Status' and instructions for uploading files. A table is visible with columns for 'Select Upload Group' and 'Select File Type'. The 'Select Upload Group' dropdown is set to 'January', and the 'Select File Type' dropdown is set to 'Bank Reconcilements, blank Statements, Outstanding Check Lists'. The 'Provide File' section shows a file upload button and a 'Choose File' button. The 'Submit' button is at the bottom right.

ANNUAL UPLOADS – GATEWAY



Investment Statement

- Similar to bank account statement - only for any investments you may have
 - ✓ Savings
 - ✓ CDs
- Upload December 2025 statements for all investment accounts

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Detail of Receipt Activity

- Does not apply to hand-posted records
- Listing of all receipts issued and posted during the year
- Most systems have a “history” function that should provide this information
- May need to contact your software vendor for assistance
- Include receipt numbers, dates, and amounts

ANNUAL UPLOADS – GATEWAY



Detail of Disbursement Activity

- Does not apply to hand-posted records
- Listing of all non-payroll disbursements posted during the year
- Most systems have a “history” function that should provide this information
- May need to contact your software vendor for assistance
- Include check numbers, dates, amounts, and payee name

ANNUAL UPLOADS – GATEWAY



Salary Ordinance

- Shows the approved salary of district employees
 - For those considered county employees, we can obtain salary information from the annual upload from your county
- For the year being reported - 2025

ANNUAL UPLOADS – GATEWAY



Vendor History Report

- Does not apply to hand-posted records
- Detailed listing of all vendors to whom checks were issued during the year
- Ideally would show total by vendor
- Most systems have a “history” function that should provide this information
- May need to contact your software vendor for assistance

ANNUAL UPLOADS – GATEWAY



Payroll History Report

- Does not apply to hand-posted records
- Applicable for employees not paid by County
- Summary of all pay to employees
 - Employee name
 - Date
 - Gross wages
 - Check number
- Report should not contain social security numbers
- Excel file or searchable PDF is preferred

ANNUAL UPLOADS – GATEWAY



Funds Ledger

- Summary for each fund that entails:
 - Beginning Balance
 - Receipts
 - Disbursements
 - End Balance
- Excel file is preferred, but each system is unique
 - May need to contact your software vendor for assistance
- For hand-posted records you can upload a scan/photo

ANNUAL UPLOADS – GATEWAY



Accounts Payable / Receivable Report

- List of accounts payable items
 - By vendor and amount
 - Totals amount presented on AFR
- List of accounts receivable items
 - By vendor and amount
 - Totals amount presented on AFR

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Personnel Policy

- Unique for each unit as to what it contains
- Upload once beginning in 2023
- Only upload in following years if policy is modified

ANNUAL UPLOADS – GATEWAY



Excel Data Capture

- Detail of Receipts and Disbursements in one
- Receipts / Disbursements:
 - Receipt numbers / Check numbers
 - Date received / Date disbursed
 - Amount of receipt / Amount of disbursement
 - Fund posted to
 - Whom received from / Vendor or payee name
- May need to reach out to software vendor for assistance
- Takes the place of Detail of Receipts and Disbursements uploads

REFERENCES



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Gateway Information:

- Annual Financial Report User Guide:
 - <https://gateway.ifionline.org/userguides/AFRguide>
- Form 100-R User Guide:
 - <https://gateway.ifionline.org/userguides/100Rguide>
- Monthly & Annual Upload User Guide:
 - <https://gateway.ifionline.org/userguides/engagementguide>
- Login:
 - <https://gateway.ifionline.org/login.aspx>
- Gateway Help Desk email address:
 - gateway@sboa.in.gov

State Examiner Directive 2018-1 (Amended April 2025):

https://www.in.gov/sboa/library/state-examiner-directives/Amended-Directive-2018-1-4_23_2025-1.pdf

NEW LEGISLATION

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NEW LEGISLATION



HEA 1509: Meeting Notices & Agendas



HEA 1033: Retainage Requirements



HEA 1198: Public Works Projects

HEA 1509: MEETING NOTICES & AGENDAS

- ▶ Indiana Code: Indiana Code 5-14-9
- ▶ Effective: July 1, 2025
- ▶ All meeting notices and agendas must include:
 - ▶ Name of each appointed officer
 - ▶ Appointing authority (Soil Conservation Board)
 - ▶ Term of appointment
- ▶ Must be published
 - ▶ On the Board`s website; or
 - ▶ On the Appointing Authority`s website; or
 - ▶ On computer gateway hosted by IOT
 - ▶ [INWP: Local Government Website Design and Hosting](#)



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HEA 1198: LOCAL PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS

- ▶ Indiana Codes 36-1-12-3, 36-1-12-4, 36-1-12-4.7, and 36-1-12-4.9
- ▶ Effective: July 1, 2025
- ▶ Public Works threshold increases from \$150,000 to \$300,000 for various statutes.
 - ▶ \$50,000 - \$300,000 = invite at least 3 quotes
 - ▶ Greater than \$300,000 = file notice for bids
- ▶ Raises the threshold of a public works project where a unit's own workforce is utilized without awarding a contract from \$250,000 to \$375,000.
 - ▶ Increased annually to account for inflation
- ▶ Public Work
 - ▶ Construction, reconstruction, alteration, or renovation of a public building or structure (IC 36-1-12-2)



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HEA 1033: RETAINAGE REQUIREMENTS

- ▶ Indiana Code 36-1-12-14
- ▶ Effective: July 1, 2025
- ▶ Max retainage for public works projects over \$200,000 decreased:
 - ▶ Withhold no more than 6% of the dollar value of work completed until project is 50% complete and nothing further after.
 - ▶ Previously was no more than 10% nor less than 6%
 - ▶ Withhold no more than 3% of the dollar value of work completed until project is fully completed.
 - ▶ Previously was no more than 5% nor less than 3%



COMMON QUESTIONS



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ACCOUNTING SYSTEMS

- SBOA does not “approve” accounting systems
- Concerned with the output of the system
- Internal Controls over records and reporting is most important
- Information Technology Manual
 - <https://www.in.gov/sboa/files/Information-Technology-Manual-2017-Amended.pdf>

FORMS



- Districts are required to use the forms prescribed by the State Board of Accounts in the manner set forth by the Manual and/or Bulletins
- State Prescribed Forms are available on our website
 - <https://www.in.gov/sboa/political-subdivisions/special-districts/>
- If it is desirable to use a different form or to have a prescribed form modified to conform to your local conditions, you can have the form “approved”
 - This process is outlined in Chapter 1 of the Manual
 - Maintain a log of forms replacing prescribed forms & present during an audit for approval
 - Information from prescribed form must be on modified form

DLGF & IRS

- SBOA – Post Audit Agency
- DLGF – Budget Agency
 - Reach out to local representative with questions
 - [Map-Field-Rep-Map-Budget.pdf](#)
- IRS – Tax Agency
 - Reach out local IRS office with questions

PURCHASING



- ▶ Indiana Code 14-32-5-1 notes allowable uses of district funds
- ▶ All purchases must have supporting documentation
- ▶ Credit card payments can utilize one claim
 - ▶ Need to have supporting documentation for each purchase
- ▶ Credit Card Policies – unique to each unit
 - ▶ Who can use credit card?
 - ▶ Does it need to be checked out?
 - ▶ Is there a maximum purchase threshold?



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