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FEDERAL COMPLIANCE AUDIT REPORT

OF

WABASH COUNTY, INDIANA

January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023



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### SCHEDULE OF OFFICIALS

<u>Office</u>	<u>Official</u>	<u>Term</u>
County Auditor	Marcie Shepherd	01-01-23 to 12-31-24
County Treasurer	LuAnn Layman	01-01-23 to 12-31-24
Clerk of the Circuit Court	Lori Draper Cheryl Evenson	01-01-23 to 08-04-23 08-05-23 to 12-31-24
County Sheriff	Ryan Baker	01-01-23 to 12-31-24
County Recorder	Eric Rish	01-01-23 to 12-31-24
President of the Board of County Commissioners	Brian K. Hauptert Jeff D. Dawes	01-01-23 to 12-31-23 01-01-24 to 12-31-24
President of the County Council	Kyle Bowman	01-01-23 to 12-31-24



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING  
AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL  
STATEMENT PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS*

TO: THE OFFICIALS OF WABASH COUNTY, INDIANA

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statement of Wabash County (County), for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statement, which collectively comprise the County's financial statement and have issued our report thereon dated August 12, 2024, wherein we noted the County followed accounting practices the Indiana State Board of Accounts prescribes rather than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

***Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting***

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statement, we considered the County's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statement, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the County's financial statement will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

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STATEMENT PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS*  
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***Report on Compliance and Other Matters***

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the County's financial statement is free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

***Purpose of This Report***

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the County's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



Beth Kelley, CPA, CFE  
Deputy State Examiner

August 12, 2024



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR THE MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM; REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE; AND REPORT ON SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE

TO: THE OFFICIALS OF WABASH COUNTY, INDIANA

**Report on Compliance for the Major Federal Program**

***Opinion on the Major Federal Program***

We have audited Wabash County's (County) compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on its major federal program for the year ended December 31, 2023. The County's major federal program is identified in the *Summary of Auditor's Results* section of the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs.

In our opinion, the County complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on its major federal program for the year ended December 31, 2023.

**Basis for Opinion on the Major Federal Program**

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS); the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*); and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance* section of our report.

We are required to be independent of the County and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the County's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

***Responsibilities of Management for Compliance***

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules, and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to the County's federal programs.

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***Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance***

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on the County's compliance based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not absolute assurance, and, therefore, is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material, if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually, or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about the County's compliance with the requirements of each major federal program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the County's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- Obtain an understanding of the County's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identified during the audit.

**Report on Internal Control over Compliance**

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. A material weakness in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR THE MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM; REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE; AND REPORT ON SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE  
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Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance* section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.

Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

**Report on Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards Required by the Uniform Guidance**

We have audited the financial statement of the County, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statement. We issued our report thereon dated August 12, 2024, which contained a dual opinion on the financial statement. An adverse opinion was issued regarding the presentation in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and an unmodified opinion was issued regarding the presentation in accordance with the regulatory basis of accounting. Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statement as a whole. The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by the Uniform Guidance and is not a required part of the financial statement. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statement. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statement and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statement or to the financial statement itself, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statement as a whole.



Beth Kelley, CPA, CFE  
Deputy State Examiner

August 12, 2024

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SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS AND ACCOMPANYING NOTES

The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards and accompanying notes presented were approved by management of the County. The schedule and notes are presented as intended by the County.

WABASH COUNTY  
 SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS  
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

Federal Grantor Agency Cluster Title/Program Title/Project Title	Pass-Through Entity or Direct Grant	Assistance Listings Number	Pass-Through Entity (or Other) Identifying Number	Passed Through to Subrecipient	Total Federal Awards Expended
<u>Department of Justice</u>					
Crime Victim Assistance	Indiana Criminal Justice Institute	16.575			
VOCA SUPP (8213)			2018-V2-GX-0031	\$ -	\$ 501
CASA Program Grant (8212)			2020-V2-GX-0011	-	61,401
				-	61,902
Total - Crime Victim Assistance				-	61,902
Total - Department of Justice				-	61,902
<u>Department of Transportation</u>					
Highway Safety Cluster					
State and Community Highway Safety	Indiana Criminal Justice Institute	20.600			
Traffic Safety Grants 23 (8560)			69A37520300001640INA	-	15,000
National Priority Safety Programs	Indiana Criminal Justice Institute	20.616			
SAVE Grant (8565)			Contract 73278	-	9,530
SAVE Grant (8565)			Contract 79107	-	606
				-	10,136
Total - National Priority Safety Programs				-	10,136
Total - Highway Safety Cluster				-	25,136
Highway Planning and Construction	Indiana Department of Transportation	20.205			
HWY Bridge 652 Project (8605)			Des. No. 1902850	-	66,072
HWY Bridge 143 Project (8607)			Des. No. 2003065	-	73,151
Countywide Bridge Ins and Inventory (8600)			Des. No. 2100111	-	63,599
HWY Bridge 96 (8609)			Des. No. 2101741	-	95,386
HWY Old State Rd 15 (8608)			Des. No. 2101775	-	52,817
				-	351,025
Total - Highway Planning and Construction				-	351,025
Formula Grants for Rural Areas and Tribal Transit Program	Indiana Department of Transportation	20.509			
Wabash County Transit (8520)			A249-23-G220079	237,098	237,098
Total - Department of Transportation				237,098	613,259
<u>Department of the Treasury</u>					
COVID-19 - Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds	Direct Grant	21.027			
American Rescue Plan (8961)			FY 2023	-	874,583
Total - Department of the Treasury				-	874,583

WABASH COUNTY  
 SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS  
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

Federal Grantor Agency Cluster Title/Program Title/Project Title	Pass-Through Entity or Direct Grant	Assistance Listings Number	Pass-Through Entity (or Other) Identifying Number	Passed Through to Subrecipient	Total Federal Awards Expended
<u>Department of Health and Human Services</u>					
Child Support Services	Indiana Department of Child Services	93.563			
Clerk IV-D Incentive (8899)			FY 2023	-	13,978
Prosecutor IV-D Incentive (8897)			FY 2023	-	11,218
County IV-D Incentive (8895)			FY 2023	-	13,080
Prosecutor Expenditures (1000)			FY 2023	-	131,905
Clerk Expenditures (1000)			FY 2023	-	15,059
Indirect Costs (1000)			FY 2023	-	74,549
Prosecutor Expenditures (2501)			FY 2023	-	108
Prosecutor Expenditures (8099)			FY 2023	-	50
Total - Child Support Services				-	259,947
Foster Care Title IV-E	Indiana Public Defenders Commission	93.658			
Title IV-E Foster Care (1000-06201)			Contract #20230082	-	4,998
Opioid STR	Indiana Supreme Court Office of Judicial Administration	93.788			
IN State Opioid Resp (8100)			23-5JC89-C85-4	-	29,742
IN State Opioid Resp (8106)			24-5JC89-C85-4	-	3,515
Total - Opioid STR				-	33,257
Total - Department of Health and Human Services				-	298,202
<u>Department of Homeland Security</u>					
Emergency Management Performance Grants	Indiana Department of Homeland Security	97.042			
EMA Perform Equipment Grant (8952)			EMC-2022-EP-00005	-	19,088
EMA Salary Reimbursement Grant (8940)			EMC-2022-EP-00005	-	32,992
Total - Emergency Management Performance Grants				-	52,080
Total - Department of Homeland Security				-	52,080
Total federal awards expended				\$ 237,098	\$ 1,900,026

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards.

WABASH COUNTY  
NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS

**Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

*A. Basis of Presentation*

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (SEFA) includes the federal grant activity of the County under programs of the federal government for the year ended December 31, 2023. The information in the SEFA is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Because the SEFA presents only a select portion of the operations of the County, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position of the County.

*B. Other Significant Accounting Policies*

Expenditures reported on the SEFA are reported on the cash basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following, as applicable, either the cost principles in OMB Circular A-87, *Cost Principles for State, Local, and Indian Tribal Governments*, or the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowed or are limited as to reimbursement. When federal grants are received on a reimbursement basis, the federal awards are considered expended when the reimbursement is received.

**Note 2. Indirect Cost Rate**

The County has elected not to use the 10 percent de minimis indirect cost rate allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

WABASH COUNTY  
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

**Section I - Summary of Auditor's Results**

Financial Statement:

Type of auditor's report issued:	Adverse as to GAAP; Unmodified as to Regulatory Basis
Internal control over financial reporting:	
Material weaknesses identified?	no
Significant deficiencies identified?	none reported
Noncompliance material to financial statement noted?	no

Federal Awards:

Internal control over major program:	
Material weaknesses identified?	no
Significant deficiencies identified?	none reported
Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a)?	no

Identification of Major Program and type of auditor's report issued on compliance for it:

Assistance Listings Number	Name of Federal Program or Cluster	Opinion Issued
21.027	COVID-19 - Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds	Unmodified

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs: \$750,000

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?	no
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**Section II - Financial Statement Findings**

No matters are reportable.

**Section III - Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs**

No matters are reportable.

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AUDITEE-PREPARED DOCUMENT

The subsequent document was provided by management of the County. The document is presented as intended by the County.

**CLERK WABASH CIRCUIT/SUPERIOR COURTS  
69 WEST HILL STREET, WABASH, IN 46992  
CHERYL EVENSON, CLERK  
(260) 563-0661 ext. 1230**

SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS

***FINDING 2022-001***

**Fiscal year in which the finding initially occurred: 2022**

**Current Audit Period: January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023**

**Finding Subject: Financial Transactions and Reporting – Clerk of the Circuit Court  
Summary of Finding:**

Monthly bank reconciliements were completed for the Clerk Trust and Clerk ISETS funds and accounts. The reconciliements were to be prepared by the First Deputy Bookkeeper, reviewed by the Assistant Bookkeeper, and signed and approved by the Clerk; however, there was no evidence of the process as described taking place for the ISETS fund. The First Deputy Bookkeeper completed the reconciliements without evidence of an oversight, review, or approval process in place to prevent, or detect and correct, errors on the reconciliements.

**Status of Audit Finding:**

*Fully Corrected and the original corrective plan was implemented*

Controls should be added to the process of monthly bank reconciliements over the Clerk ISETS Funds. Clerk will review and sign the monthly bank reconciliements for the Clerk Trust and ISETS funds.

**Response Comments:**

N/A

## Wabash County Auditor

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### SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS

#### ***FINDING 2022-002***

**Fiscal year in which the finding initially occurred: 2022**

**Current Audit Period: January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023**

**Finding Subject: COVID-19 – Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds – Procurement and Suspension and Debarment**

#### **Summary of Finding:**

Upon inquiry of the County's procedures related to suspension and debarment requirements, the County stated the County Auditor's office checked the SAM.gov website for exclusions, the department with which the claim was associated checked the SAMs exclusions, and a clause was added to the contract, if applicable, or a certification was requested from the vendor. A population of four covered transactions for goods or services that equaled or exceeded \$25,000 paid from SLFRF funds during the audit period was identified. All four transactions, totaling \$520,688, were selected for testing. For the four transactions, the County provided us with documentation showing that it checked the vendors for suspension and debarment by utilizing the SAM.gov website; however, the documentation was not dated, nor were there any other markings or documentation to support when the procedures were performed and by whom, as this was not part of the process. As such, we could not determine if the vendors were checked prior to the County entering into a covered transaction with the vendor.

The lack of effective internal controls and noncompliance was a systemic issue throughout the audit period.

Recommended that management of the County establish a proper system of internal controls and develop policies and procedures to ensure contractors and subrecipients, as appropriate, are not suspended, debarred, or otherwise excluded prior to entering into any contracts or subawards. We also recommended that supporting documentation be retained in order to be presented for audit.

#### **Status of Audit Finding:**

*Fully Corrected and the original corrective action plan was implemented.*

Moving forward when a request for funding is being presented to the County Commissioners/Council, Commissioners/Council will require the office that is requesting funding to provide the Auditor's office with a Suspension and Debarment form which is signed and dated from SAM.gov. The form will be kept in the ARPA binder.

#### **Response Comments:**

N/A

## OTHER REPORTS

In addition to this report, other reports may have been issued for the County. All reports can be found on the Indiana State Board of Accounts' website: <http://www.in.gov/sboa/>.