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SUPPLEMENTAL COMPLIANCE REPORT

OF

TIPPECANOE COUNTY, INDIANA

January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015



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SCHEDULE OF OFFICIALS

<u>Office</u>	<u>Official</u>	<u>Term</u>
County Auditor	Robert Plantenga	01-01-15 to 12-31-18
County Treasurer	Jennifer Weston	01-01-15 to 12-31-20
Clerk of the Circuit Court	Christa Coffey	01-01-15 to 12-31-18
County Sheriff	Barry Richard	01-01-15 to 12-31-18
County Recorder	Shannon Withers	01-01-15 to 12-31-18
President of the Board of County Commissioners	Thomas Murtaugh David Byers	01-01-15 to 12-31-15 01-01-16 to 12-31-16
President of the County Council	David Williams	01-01-15 to 12-31-16



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TO: THE OFFICIALS OF TIPPECANOE COUNTY, INDIANA

This report is supplemental to our audit report of Tippecanoe County (County), for the period from January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015. It has been provided as a separate report so that the reader may easily identify any Audit Results and Comments that pertain to the County. It should be read in conjunction with our Financial Statement and Federal Single Audit Report of the County, which provides our opinions on the County's financial statement and federal program compliance. This report may be found at www.in.gov/sboa/.

As authorized under Indiana Code 5-11-1, we performed procedures to determine compliance with applicable Indiana laws and uniform compliance guidelines established by the Indiana State Board of Accounts. The Audit Result and Comment contained herein describes the identified reportable instances of noncompliance found as a result of these procedures. Our tests were not designed to identify all instances of noncompliance; therefore, noncompliance may exist that is unidentified.

Any Official Response to the Audit Result and Comment, incorporated within this report, was not verified for accuracy.

Paul D. Joyce
Paul D. Joyce, CPA
State Examiner

December 13, 2016

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COUNTY AUDITOR
TIPPECANOE COUNTY

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AUDIT RESULT AND COMMENT

OVERDRAWN CASH BALANCE

The financial statement presented in the Financial Statement and Federal Single Audit Report included the County Self Insurance fund with an overdrawn cash balance at December 31, 2015, of \$382,295.

The cash 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 of Indiana, Chapter 14)



TIPPECANOE COUNTY
AUDITOR

Robert A. Plantenga
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December 14, 2016

Paul Joyce
State Examiner
State Board of Accounts
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Dear Mr. Joyce:

The following explanation is offered in response to the State Board of Accounts 2015 audit results for Tippecanoe County. I acknowledge that the County did have a negative balance for the Health Insurance Fund (Fund 4710) at the end of 2015.

However in 2013, due to the Health Insurance Fund balance at that time, the County Council created a Health Insurance Rainy Day Fund (Fund 4709) and transferred \$3 million into that newly created fund from the Health Insurance Fund (Fund 4710). The source of revenue and expenditures of the two funds is identical. The aggregate cash balance of those two funds exceeded \$2.6 million at the end of 2015. To treat these as separate funds, in my opinion, is erroneous. With a self-insurance fund, the expenditures are, without a doubt, the most difficult expenditures for our county to anticipate.

The balance of the Health Insurance Fund (Fund 4710) stands at over \$1.4 million at the end of November 2016 with the Health Insurance Rainy Day Fund still at \$3 million. The aggregate balance of the two funds should be used to determine the Health Insurance Fund balance and having a temporary negative balance in one fund with a \$3 million balance in the Health Insurance Rainy Day Fund, in my opinion, is not a financial issue.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert A. Plantenga

COUNTY AUDITOR
TIPPECANOE COUNTY
EXIT CONFERENCE

The contents of this report were discussed on December 13, 2016, with David Byers, President of the Board of County Commissioners; David Williams, President of the County Council; Robert Plantenga, County Auditor; and Jeremy Diehl, Chief Deputy Auditor.