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SUPPLEMENTAL COMPLIANCE REPORT
OF
TOWN OF MULBERRY
CLINTON COUNTY, INDIANA
January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2017



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SCHEDULE OF OFFICIALS

<u>Office</u>	<u>Official</u>	<u>Term</u>
Clerk-Treasurer	Paula A. Bennett	01-01-12 to 12-31-18
President of the Town Council	Dave Jones	01-01-12 to 04-30-14
	Sherri Maish	05-01-14 to 12-31-15
	Dave Jones	01-01-16 to 12-31-17
	Kelley T. Burkhalter	01-01-18 to 12-31-18



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TO: THE OFFICIALS OF THE TOWN OF MULBERRY, CLINTON COUNTY, INDIANA

This report is supplemental to our audit report of the Town of Mulberry (Town), for the period from January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2017. It has been provided as a separate report so that the reader may easily identify any Audit Results and Comments that pertain to the Town. It should be read in conjunction with our Financial Statements Audit Report of the Town, which provides our opinions on the Town's financial statements. 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 instance 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

July 12, 2018

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CLERK-TREASURER
TOWN OF MULBERRY

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AUDIT RESULT AND COMMENT

INTERNAL CONTROLS OVER FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS AND REPORTING

There were several deficiencies in the internal controls system of the Town related to financial transactions and reporting. The Town had not separated incompatible activities related to cash and investments, receipts, and financial reporting.

Cash and Investments

The Clerk-Treasurer reconciled the bank account balances with the record balances without an oversight, review, or approval process.

Receipts

One employee collected funds, prepared the deposit, made the deposit, and recorded the receipts without an oversight, review, or approval process.

Financial Reporting

The Clerk-Treasurer entered the information into the Indiana Gateway for Government Units financial reporting system, which was the source for the Annual Financial Report and financial statements, without an oversight, review, or approval process to ensure accuracy of the information submitted.

The Indiana State Board of Accounts (SBOA) is required under Indiana Code 5-11-1-27(e) to define the acceptable minimum level of internal control standards. To provide clarifying guidance, the State Examiner compiled the standards contained in the manual, *Uniform Internal Control Standards for Indiana Political Subdivisions*. All political subdivisions subject to audit by SBOA are expected to adhere to these standards. The standards include adequate control activities. According to this manual:

"Control activities are the actions and tools established through policies and procedures that help to detect, prevent, or reduce the identified risks that interfere with the achievement of objectives. Detection activities are designed to identify unfavorable events in a timely manner whereas prevention activities are designed to deter the occurrence of an unfavorable event. Examples of these activities include reconciliations, authorizations, approval processes, performance reviews, and verification processes.

An integral part of the control activity component is segregation of duties. . . .

There is an expectation of segregation of duties. If compensating controls are necessary, documentation should exist to identify both the areas where segregation of duties are not feasible or practical and the compensating controls implemented to mitigate the risk. . . ."

CLERK-TREASURER
TOWN OF MULBERRY
EXIT CONFERENCE

The contents of this report were discussed on July 12, 2016, with Paula A. Bennett, Clerk-Treasurer, and Kelley T. Burkhalter, President of the Town Council.