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FEDERAL COMPLIANCE AUDIT REPORT

OF

FAYETTE COUNTY, INDIANA

January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019



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SCHEDULE OF OFFICIALS

<u>Office</u>	<u>Official</u>	<u>Term</u>
County Auditor	Jane Downard	01-01-19 to 12-31-22
County Treasurer	LaVonda Glover	01-01-17 to 12-31-20
Clerk of the Circuit Court	Lisa Witt	01-01-19 to 12-31-22
County Sheriff	David J Laughlin	01-01-19 to 12-31-22
County Recorder	Ruth Nutty	01-01-19 to 12-31-22
President of the Board of County Commissioners	Gary Naylor	01-01-19 to 12-31-20
President of the County Council	Mike Wenta	01-01-19 to 12-31-20



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 FAYETTE 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 Fayette County (County), for the year ended December 31, 2019, and the related notes to the financial statement, which collectively comprise the County's financial statement and have issued our report thereon dated May 4, 2020, 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.

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) to determine the 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 and, therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. We did identify certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs as item 2019-001, that we consider to be a material weakness.

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Compliance and Other Matters

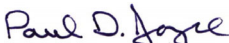
As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the County's financial statement is free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect 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 instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and which are described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs as item 2019-001.

Fayette County's Response to Findings

The County's response to the findings identified in our audit is described in the accompanying Corrective Action Plan. The County's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statement and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

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.


Paul D. Joyce, CPA
State Examiner

May 4, 2020



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH 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 FAYETTE COUNTY, INDIANA

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

We have audited Fayette 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 each of its major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2019. The County's major federal programs are identified in the Summary of Auditor's Results section of the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs.

Management's Responsibility

Management is responsible for compliance with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of its federal awards applicable to its federal programs.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of the County's major federal programs based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; 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). Those standards and the Uniform Guidance require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the County's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of the County's compliance.

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Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

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 each of its major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2019.

Report on Internal Control over Compliance

Management of the County is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered the County's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each major federal program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on compliance for each major federal program 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 internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's 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.


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

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.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH 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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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, 2019, and the related notes to the financial statement. We issued our report thereon dated May 4, 2020, which contained a dual opinion on the financial statement. An adverse opinion was issued regarding the presentation in accordance with U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, and an unmodified opinion was issued regarding the presentation in accordance with the Regulatory Basis of Accounting. Our audit was conducted 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.


Paul D. Joyce, CPA
State Examiner

May 4, 2020

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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.

FAYETTE COUNTY
 SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2019

Federal Grantor Agency Cluster Title/Program Title/Project Title	Pass-Through Entity or Direct Grant	Federal CFDA Number	Pass-Through Entity (or Other) Identifying Number	Passed Through to Subrecipient	Total Federal Awards Expended
Department of Justice					
Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program Ed Byrne Mem. JAG	Indiana Criminal Justice Institute	16.738	#28956	\$ -	\$ 116,450
Crime Victim Assistance Victims Assistance Grant	Indiana Criminal Justice Institute	16.575	Grant #VOCA-2018-00111	-	44,297
Violence Against Women Formula Grants STOP Grant	Indiana Criminal Justice Institute	16.588	EDS#D3-18-12236 Grant ID 6244	-	13,781
Equitable Sharing Program RICO Forfeiture	Direct Grant	16.922	FY2019	-	15,801
Total - Department of Justice				-	190,329
Department of Transportation					
Highway Planning and Construction Cluster Highway Planning and Construction County Bridge Planning and Construction County Bridge Planning and Construction County Bridge Planning and Construction	Indiana Department of Transportation	20.205	DES 1383454 DES 1500280 DES 1702761	- - -	72,558 20,055 35,123
Total - Highway Planning and Construction				-	127,736
Total - Highway Planning and Construction Cluster				-	127,736
Federal Transit Cluster Buses and Bus Facilities Formula, Competitive, and Low or No Emissions Programs	Indiana Department of Transportation	20.526	EDS# A249-19-G180482	-	57,600
Total - Federal Transit Cluster				-	57,600
Formula Grants for Rural Areas and Tribal Transit Program Public Transportation Grant Public Transportation Grant	Indiana Department of Transportation	20.509	EDS# A249-19-G180482 EDS#A249-18-G170189	- -	139,505 54,802
Total - Formula Grants for Rural Areas and Tribal Transit Program				-	194,307
Total - Department of Transportation				-	379,643
Department of Health and Human Services					
TANF Cluster Temporary Assistance for Needy Families TANF	Indiana Department of Correction	93.558	#22896	-	58,829
Total - TANF Cluster				-	58,829
Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) and Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Aligned Cooperative Agreements Bioterrorism Preparedness	Indiana Department of Health	93.074	#26899	-	10,016
Injury Prevention and Control Research and State and Community Based Programs Overdose Pilot Program	Indiana Department of Health	93.136	#24291	-	1,443
Child Support Enforcement Title IV-D Reimbursement Prosecutor's IV-D Incentive Clerk's IV-D Incentive	Indiana Department of Child Services	93.563	FY2019 FY2019 FY2019	- - -	190,581 20,518 12,360
Total - Child Support Enforcement				-	223,459
Total - Department of Health and Human Services				-	293,747
Department of Homeland Security					
Homeland Security Grant Program Homeland Security	Indiana Department of Homeland Security	97.067	#28947	-	13,882
Total - Department of Homeland Security				-	13,882
Total federal awards expended				\$ -	\$ 877,601

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

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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, 2019. 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.

FAYETTE 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?	yes
Significant deficiencies identified?	none reported
Noncompliance material to financial statement noted?	yes

Federal Awards:

Internal control over major programs:	
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 Programs and type of auditor's report issued on compliance for each:

CFDA Number	Name of Federal Program or Cluster	Opinion Issued
93.563	Highway Planning and Construction Cluster Child Support Enforcement	Unmodified 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

FINDING 2019-001

Subject: Preparation of the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
Audit Findings: Material Weakness, Noncompliance

Condition and Context

The County did not have a proper system of internal control in place to prevent, or detect and correct, errors on the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (SEFA).

During the audit of the SEFA, the following errors were noted:

1. The Highway Planning and Construction Cluster was overstated by \$567.
2. The Formula Grants for Rural Areas and Tribal Transit Program, CFDA 20.509, was overstated by \$146,238.

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3. The Buses and Bus Facilities Formula, Competitive, and Low or No Emissions Programs, CFDA 20.526, was understated by \$57,600.
4. The Child Support Enforcement program, CFDA 93.536, was overstated by \$12,857.
5. Not all program names and clusters were correctly listed.

Audit adjustments were proposed, accepted by the County, and made to the SEFA.

Criteria

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. . . .

The Green Book identifies a list of control activity categories that are meant only to illustrate the range and variety of control activities; the list is by no means all inclusive, but is reproduced here for reference purposes: . . .

- Accurate and timely recording of transactions. . . ."

2 CFR 200.508 states in part:

"The auditee must: . . .

- (b) Prepare appropriate financial statements, including the schedule of expenditures of Federal awards in accordance with § 200.510 Financial statements. . . ."

2 CFR 200.510(b) states:

"*Schedule of expenditures of Federal awards*. The auditee must also prepare a schedule of expenditures of Federal awards for the period covered by the auditee's financial statements which must include the total Federal awards expended as determined in accordance with § 200.502 Basis for determining Federal awards expended. While not required, the auditee may choose to provide information requested by Federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities to make the schedule easier to use. For example, when a Federal program has multiple Federal award years, the auditee may list the amount of Federal awards expended for each Federal award year separately. At a minimum, the schedule must:

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SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
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- (1) List individual Federal programs by Federal agency. For a cluster of programs, provide the cluster name, list individual Federal programs within the cluster of programs, and provide the applicable Federal agency name. For R&D, total Federal awards expended must be shown either by individual Federal award or by Federal agency and major subdivision within the Federal agency. For example, the National Institutes of Health is a major subdivision in the Department of Health and Human Services.
- (2) For Federal awards received as a subrecipient, the name of the pass-through entity and identifying number assigned by the pass-through entity must be included.
- (3) Provide total Federal awards expended for each individual Federal program and the CFDA number or other identifying number when the CFDA information is not available. For a cluster of programs also provide the total for the cluster.
- (4) Include the total amount provided to subrecipients from each Federal program.
- (5) For loan or loan guarantee programs described in § 200.502 Basis for determining Federal awards expended, paragraph (b), identify in the notes to the schedule the balances outstanding at the end of the audit period. This is in addition to including the total Federal awards expended for loan or loan guarantee programs in the schedule.
- (6) Include notes that describe that significant accounting policies used in preparing the schedule, and note whether or not the auditee elected to use the 10% de minimis cost rate as covered in § 200.414 Indirect (F&A) costs."

Cause

The County's management had not established a system of internal control that would have ensured proper reporting of the SEFA.

Effect

Without a proper system of internal control in place that operated effectively, material misstatements of the SEFA remained undetected. The SEFA contained the errors identified in the *Condition and Context*.

Views of Responsible Officials

For the views of responsible officials, refer to the Corrective Action Plan that is part of this report.

Section III - Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs

No matters are reportable.

AUDITEE-PREPARED DOCUMENTS

The subsequent documents were provided by management of the County. The documents are presented as intended by the County.

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SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS

FINDING 2018-001

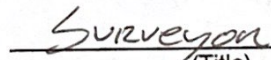
Fiscal year in which the finding initially occurred: 2018
Pass-Through Entity, if pass-through or Federal Grantor Agency, if direct: Indiana Department of Transportation
Contact Person Responsible for Corrective Action: William Macke
Contact Phone Number: 1-765-825-7466

Status of Audit Finding:

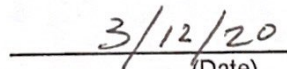
We have established and maintained effective internal control over Federal Award funds that provides assurance that the non-Federal entity is managing the Federal Awards in compliance with Federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of the Federal Award. Per the recommendation, we are having the Auditor of Fayette County review and sign all LPA vouchers submitted to INDOT for reimbursement starting on December 11, 2019.



(Signature)



(Title)



(Date)



FAYETTE COUNTY, INDIANA
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CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN

FINDING 2019-001

Contact Person Responsible for Corrective Action: Jane Downard
Contact Phone Number: 765-825-8987

We concur with the finding 2019-001.

Description of Corrective Action Plan:

Prior to completion of the 2020 SEFA, the auditor will review source documents of receipts made in grant funds. Verification of CFDA numbers and grant receipt amounts will be performed to prevent receipted amounts being overstated or understated on particular grants.

Training has already been completed for the Accounts Receivable Deputy to identify and specify Child Support Enforcement amounts that are state monies and do not need included on the SEFA.

In prior years, the Grant Administrator reviewed and signed off on the SEFA. This year, due to a change in personnel, that did not happen. Prior to completion of the 2020 SEFA, we will return to having the Grant Administrator review and sign off on the SEFA to help catch any errors in receipting or names.

Anticipated Completion Date: This will be done in 2021 when the Annual Financial Report for 2020 is prepared and submitted.

Jane Downard
(Signature)

Auditor
(Title)

4/27/2020
(Date)

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/>.