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SUPPLEMENTAL COMPLIANCE REPORT

OF

DECATUR COUNTY, INDIANA

January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021



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### SCHEDULE OF OFFICIALS

<u>Office</u>	<u>Official</u>	<u>Term</u>
County Auditor	Janet S. Chadwell	01-01-21 to 12-31-22
County Treasurer	Diane M. Wenning	01-01-21 to 12-31-22
Clerk of the Circuit Court	Adina A. Roberts	01-01-21 to 12-31-22
County Sheriff	Dave Durant	01-01-21 to 12-31-22
County Recorder	Dottie Robbins	01-01-21 to 12-31-22
President of the Board of County Commissioners	Mark Koors	01-01-21 to 12-31-22
President of the County Council	Danny D. Peters	01-01-21 to 12-31-22



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TO: THE OFFICIALS OF DECATUR COUNTY, INDIANA

This report is supplemental to our audit report of Decatur County (County), for the period from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021. 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 Audit Report of the County, which provides our opinions on the County's financial statement. This report may be found at [www.in.gov/sboa/](http://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 Results and Comments contained herein describe 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 Results and Comments, incorporated within this report, was not verified for accuracy.

Beth Kelley, CPA, CFE  
Deputy State Examiner

August 8, 2022

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AUDIT RESULT AND COMMENT

***TRAINING ON INTERNAL CONTROL STANDARDS***

*Condition and Context*

The County was unable to provide documentation that personnel hired in 2021 had received training on internal control standards.

*Criteria*

Indiana Code 5-11-1-27(g) states in part:

"After June 30, 2016, the legislative body of a political subdivision shall ensure that: . . .

- (2) personnel receive training concerning the internal control standards and procedures adopted by the political subdivision."

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EXIT CONFERENCE

The contents of this report were discussed on August 8, 2022, with Mark Koors, President of the Board of County Commissioners; Danny D. Peters, President of the County Council; Janet S. Chadwell, County Auditor; Christy Smiley, Deputy County Auditor; and Blair Haley, Deputy County Auditor.

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COUNTY AUDITOR  
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AUDIT RESULT AND COMMENT

**CERTIFICATION ON INTERNAL CONTROL STANDARDS**

*Condition and Context*

The County Auditor certified on the Indiana Gateway for Government Units financial reporting system that all personnel had received training on internal control standards; however, documentation was not provided to show that training had occurred for personnel hired in 2021.

*Criteria*

Indiana Code 5-11-1-4(a) states:

"The state examiner shall require from every audited entity financial reports covering the full period of each fiscal year. These reports shall be prepared, verified, and filed with the state examiner not later than sixty (60) days after the close of each fiscal year. The reports must be in the form and content prescribed by the state examiner and filed electronically in the manner prescribed under [IC 5-14-3.8-7](#)."

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AUDIT RESULT AND COMMENT

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

*Condition and Context*

A member of the Tourism Commission Board was also contracted by the Tourism Commission for marketing services in 2021. Payments were made to the Tourism Commission Board member's company, in the amount of \$2,000 per month.

*Criteria*

Indiana Code 35-44.1-1-4 states in part:

"(a) The following definitions apply throughout this section: . . .

- (2) 'Governmental entity served by the public servant' means the immediate governmental entity being served by a public servant.
- (3) 'Pecuniary interest' means an interest in a contract or purchase if the contract or purchase will result or is intended to result in an ascertainable increase in the income or net worth of:
  - (A) the public servant; or
  - (B) a dependent of the public servant who:
    - (i) is under the direct or indirect administrative control of the public servant; or
    - (ii) receives a contract or purchase order that is reviewed, approved, or directly or indirectly administered by the public servant.

(b) A public servant who knowingly or intentionally:

- (1) has a pecuniary interest in; or
- (2) derives a profit from;

a contract or purchase connected with an action by the governmental entity served by the public servant commits conflict of interest, a Level 6 felony.

(c) It is not an offense under this section if any of the following apply: . . .

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- (6) A public servant makes a disclosure that meets the requirements of subsection (d) or (e) and is:
- (A) not a member or on the staff of the governing body empowered to contract or purchase on behalf of the governmental entity, and functions and performs duties for the governmental entity unrelated to the contract or purchase;
  - (B) appointed by an elected public servant;
  - (C) employed by the governing body of a school corporation and the contract or purchase involves the employment of a dependent or the payment of fees to a dependent;
  - (D) elected; or
  - (E) a member of, or a person appointed by, the board of trustees of a state supported college or university.
- (d) A disclosure must:
- (1) be in writing; . . .
  - (2) describe the contract or purchase to be made by the governmental entity;
  - (3) describe the pecuniary interest that the public servant has in the contract or purchase;
  - (4) be affirmed under penalty of perjury;
  - (5) be submitted to the governmental entity and be accepted by the governmental entity in a public meeting of the governmental entity before final action on the contract or purchase;
  - (6) be filed within fifteen (15) days after final action on the contract or purchase with:
    - (A) the state board of accounts; and
    - (B) if the governmental entity is a governmental entity other than the state or a state supported college or university, the clerk of the circuit court in the county where the governmental entity takes final action on the contract or purchase; . . ."



# GREENSBURG DECATUR COUNTY

August 12, 2022

RE: Correction Action Plan in response to the Findings in the Compliance Examination

## Conflict of Interest

The audit identified a conflict-of-interest with a member of the Decatur County Tourism Commission (DCVC). While internal protocols<sup>1</sup> (by the DCVS) and external protocols<sup>2</sup> (by the Government of Decatur County) were in place for transparency purposes to address any potential conflict-of-interest issues, the audit detected deficiencies with this approach with regard to Indiana Code. The DCVC, who was not aware of the specific statute, but upon learning of IC 35-44.1-1-4, acted judiciously to address the situation.

We offer the following corrective actions that have already taken place or that will take place by board action in 2022.

1. Upon hearing of the conflict-of-interest issue, the pertinent board member rescinded his contract with the Decatur County Visitors Commission (and this will be/or was approved at our August Board Meeting).
2. In the future, any questions regarding conflict-of-interest issues will be vetted by the County attorney.
3. IC 35-44.1-1-4 (Conflict of Interest) will be incorporated into the by-laws of the DCVC.

<sup>1</sup> Board member in question always recused themselves from discussion of the contract at our board meeting and recused themselves from the voting of the contract at our board meeting.

<sup>2</sup> Conflict-of-interest form was filed with county.

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The contents of this report were discussed on August 8, 2022, with Ryan Maddux, President of the Tourism Commission; Philip Deiwert, Executive Director of the Tourism Commission; Janet S. Chadwell, County Auditor; Mark Koors, President of the Board of County Commissioners; Danny D. Peters, President of the County Council; and Bill Metz, County Council member.