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SUPPLEMENTAL COMPLIANCE REPORT

OF

RIPLEY 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	Amy Copeland	01-01-21 to 12-31-22
County Treasurer	Lisa Vestal	01-01-21 to 12-31-22
Clerk of the Circuit Court	Ginger J. Bradford	01-01-21 to 12-31-22
County Sheriff	Jeff Cumberworth	01-01-21 to 12-31-22
County Recorder	Mary Ann McCoy	01-01-21 to 12-31-22
President of the Board of County Commissioners	Mark A. Horstman	01-01-21 to 12-31-22
President of the County Council	Ron J. Decker	01-01-21 to 12-31-22



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TO: THE OFFICIALS OF RIPLEY COUNTY, INDIANA

This report is supplemental to our audit report of Ripley 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/.

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.

Beth Kelley, CPA, CFE
Deputy State Examiner

September 19, 2022

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AUDIT RESULT AND COMMENT

INTERNAL CONTROLS OVER FINANCIAL CLOSE AND REPORTING

The same comment also appeared in prior Report B57570.

Condition and Context

The County Auditor's office had not established an effective system of internal control over financial close and reporting. The County Auditor prepared and submitted the financial information into the Indiana Gateway for Government Units financial reporting system, which was the source of the Annual Financial Report and financial statement. There were no documented internal controls in place to prevent, or detect and correct, errors in the financial information prior to submission.

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. . . ."

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EXIT CONFERENCE

The contents of this report were discussed on September 19, 2022, with Amy Copeland, County Auditor; Mark A. Horstman, President of the Board of County Commissioners; and Ron J. Decker, President of the County Council.