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SUPPLEMENTAL COMPLIANCE REPORT

OF

FAYETTE COUNTY, INDIANA

January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022



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SCHEDULE OF OFFICIALS

<u>Office</u>	<u>Official</u>	<u>Term</u>
County Auditor	Jane Downard	01-01-22 to 12-31-23
County Treasurer	Lavonda Glover	01-01-22 to 12-31-23
Clerk of the Circuit Court	Lisa Witt Dawn Hughes	01-01-22 to 12-31-22 01-01-23 to 12-31-23
County Sheriff	David J. Laughlin Zac Jones	01-01-22 to 12-31-22 01-01-23 to 12-31-23
County Recorder	Ruth Nutty Lisa Witt	01-01-22 to 12-31-22 01-01-23 to 12-31-23
President of the Board of County Commissioners	Dale Strong	01-01-22 to 12-31-23
President of the County Council	Mike Wenta Robert Stewart	01-01-22 to 12-31-22 01-01-23 to 12-31-23



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TO: THE OFFICIALS OF FAYETTE COUNTY, INDIANA

This report is supplemental to our audit report of Fayette County (County), for the period from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022. 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 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.

Beth Kelley, CPA, CFE
Deputy State Examiner

May 18, 2023

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AUDIT RESULT AND COMMENT

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

Condition and Context

The County had established internal controls over the grant information entered into the Annual Financial Report via the Indiana Gateway for Government Units financial reporting system; however, the internal controls were not effective. As a result, the following errors were noted:

- The Child Support Enforcement program expenditures were understated by \$223,858.
- Additional grants had individually immaterial errors that resulted in misstatements of expenditures of \$166,316, in total.
- Other errors included incorrect federal grantor agency names, pass-through entity names, program names, and incorrect Assistance Listings Numbers.

Audit adjustments were proposed, accepted by the County, and made to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards.

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. . . ."

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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EXIT CONFERENCE

The contents of this report were discussed on May 18, 2023, with Jane Downard, County Auditor; Lavonda Glover, County Treasurer; Dale Strong, President of the Board of County Commissioners; and Robert Stewart, President of the County Council.