

**REPORT OF THE AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS  
AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES ENGAGEMENT  
OF THE  
HARDIN COUNTY CLERK**

**For The Period  
January 1, 2020 Through December 31, 2020**



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**SUMMARY OF PROCEDURES AND FINDINGS**

**AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES OF THE  
HARDIN COUNTY CLERK**

For The Period January 1, 2020 Through December 31, 2020

The Hardin County Clerk applied for and received approval from the Auditor of Public Accounts (APA) to obtain an Agreed-Upon Procedures (AUP) engagement for calendar year 2020 in accordance with KRS 43.070(1)(c). AUP reports present the procedures performed and the results of those procedures, called findings. The summary below presents those findings for which an exception was identified during the AUP engagement.

During the AUP engagement of the Hardin County Clerk, the following exception was noted:

- The county clerk has a negative balance in the fee account of \$9,269; \$5,232 of this is due to insufficient fund checks written by customers that have yet to be re-collected. After taking that into consideration, there is a deficit of \$4,037 in the fee account.

Findings related to procedures for which there were no exceptions identified, and official responses to exceptions are not included in the summary above, but can be found in the full report. A copy of this report is available on the Auditor of Public Accounts' website at [www.auditor.ky.gov](http://www.auditor.ky.gov).

Respectfully submitted,

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Independent Accountant's Report  
On Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures

The Honorable Harry L. Berry, Hardin County Judge/Executive  
The Honorable Debbie Donnelly, Hardin County Clerk  
Members of the Hardin County Fiscal Court

We have performed the procedures enumerated below, which were agreed to by the Hardin County Clerk, related to the clerk's compliance with the Department for Local Government's *County Budget Preparation and State Local Finance Officer Policy Manual* regarding the accountability for receipts and disbursements, excess fees, recordkeeping, and leases, contracts, and liabilities for the period January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020. The Hardin County Clerk is responsible for compliance with these requirements. The sufficiency of these procedures is solely the responsibility of those parties specified in this report. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures enumerated below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

Our procedures and findings are as follows:

1. Procedure -

Determine if the county clerk has a fourth quarter financial statement, a receipts ledger, and a disbursements ledger.

Finding -

No exceptions were found as a result of applying the procedure.

2. Procedure -

Determine that the county clerk's fourth quarter financial statement agrees to the county clerk's receipts ledger and disbursements ledger. Variances in total receipts or total disbursements that exceed 1% of gross receipts or exceed \$20,000 will be reported.

Finding -

No exceptions were found as a result of applying the procedure.

3. Procedure -

Compare the county clerk's operating disbursements (Total disbursements per EMARS 2550 Reconciliation) to the general term order estimated expenditures which the fiscal court or other approving authority approved, either in total or by operating category, to determine if the county clerk overspent the general term order.

Finding -

No exceptions were found as a result of applying the procedure.



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4. Procedure -

Determine if the county clerk has reconciled the 75% account to the EMARS 2550 report.

Finding -

No exceptions were found as a result of applying the procedure.

5. Procedure -

Obtain a list of accounts prepared by the county clerk that are applicable to the current calendar year.

Finding -

No exceptions were found as a result of applying the procedure. The county clerk maintains fee, refund, imprest cash, escrow, and third party purchaser accounts.

6. Procedure -

Determine if the county clerk reconciles all bank accounts monthly. Re-perform the bank reconciliations for all accounts as of December 31, 2020, to determine the reconciled balances and if the amounts are accurate. Determine if any additional funds are due to the state repository for 75% or 25% accounts.

Finding -

The county clerk has a negative balance in the fee account of \$9,269; \$5,232 of this is due to insufficient fund checks written by customers that have yet to be re-collected. After taking that into consideration, there is a deficit of \$4,037 in the fee account.

| Account Name:                 | Reconciled<br>Account Balance: |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Fee Account                   | \$ (9,269)                     |
| Refund Account                | \$ 5,308                       |
| Imprest Cash Account          | \$ 2,191                       |
| Escrow Account                | \$ 1,679                       |
| Third Party Purchaser Account | \$ 2,951                       |

7. Procedure -

Determine if receipts are properly accounted for by comparing batched receipts to daily check-out sheets, deposit tickets, receipts ledger, and bank statements for a randomly selected week.

Finding -

No exceptions were found as a result of applying the procedure.

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8. Procedure -

Determine if the county clerk prepared 12 monthly reports for delinquent tax. Test payments to districts for one randomly selected month's delinquent tax disbursements to confirm that payments were made timely and disbursements agreed to the monthly report.

Finding -

No exceptions were found as a result of applying the procedure.

9. Procedure -

Judgmentally select 15 operating disbursements from the county clerk's records and agree amounts paid to invoices or other supporting documentation and cancelled checks. Determine if the disbursement is for official business. Inspect all credit card statements (if any) to determine if disbursements are for official business.

Finding -

No exceptions were found as a result of applying the procedure.

10. Procedure -

Judgmentally select one month's imprest cash voucher and review the attached receipts to determine if disbursements are for official business. Verify imprest cash vouchers are submitted monthly and agree to amounts reimbursed by the 75% account.

Finding -

No exceptions were found as a result of applying the procedure.

11. Procedure -

Verify the county clerk's maximum salary order for deputies was not overspent.

Finding -

No exceptions were found as a result of applying the procedure.

12. Procedure -

Determine whether payroll charges are properly supported by verifying that timesheets are completed, maintained, approved, and support hours paid by inspecting one pay period's timesheets for all employees.

Finding -

No exceptions were found as a result of applying the procedure.

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13. Procedure -

Determine that the county clerk was paid the statutory salary as fixed by the Department for Local Government salary schedule.

Finding -

The county clerk was paid \$122,906. The statutorily required salary was \$122,906.

14. Procedure -

Scan lease agreements and service contracts and compare to actual payments. Determine if services received were appropriate, for official business, and properly authorized. Determine if liabilities requiring disclosure were properly disclosed on the fourth quarter financial statement.

Finding -

The county clerk did not have any lease agreements or service contracts. The county clerk did not have any liabilities requiring disclosure on the fourth quarter financial statement.

15. Procedure -

Verify the county clerk is properly bonded for the period covered by the agreed upon procedures.

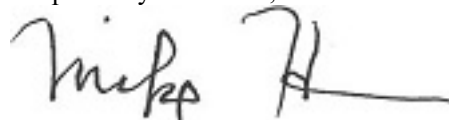
Finding -

No exceptions were found as a result of applying the procedure.

This agreed-upon procedures engagement was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the standards applicable to attestation engagements contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. We were not engaged to, and did not conduct an examination or review, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion or conclusion, respectively, on compliance with specified requirements. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion or conclusion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

The purpose of this report is to present the procedures performed and the results of those procedures and is not intended for any other purpose. This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Hardin County Clerk and the Hardin County Fiscal Court, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than the specified parties.

Respectfully submitted,



Mike Harmon  
Auditor of Public Accounts

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