# REPORT OF THE AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES ENGAGEMENT OF THE BATH COUNTY PROPERTY VALUATION ADMINISTRATOR

For The Period July 1, 2018 Through June 30, 2019



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Independent Accountant's Report On Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures

Holly M. Johnson, Secretary, Finance and Administration Cabinet The Honorable Jacky Watson, Bath County Property Valuation Administrator Owingsville, Kentucky 40360

We have performed the procedures enumerated below, which were agreed to by the Finance and Administration Cabinet, Department of Revenue (DOR), and the Bath County Property Valuation Administrator (PVA), solely to assist you with the accountability for statutory contribution receipts and disbursements, including capital outlay disbursements, city government receipts, recordkeeping, and leases and contracts for the period July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. PVA's management is responsible for the accountability for statutory contribution receipts and disbursements, including capital outlay disbursements, city government receipts, recordkeeping, and leases and contracts. This agreed-upon procedures engagement was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. 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 described 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 PVA has a receipts ledger, a disbursements ledger, and reconciles bank records to books each month. Re-perform the year-end bank reconciliation (June 30, 2019), for all bank accounts, to determine if amounts are accurate.

Finding -

The PVA had a receipts and disbursements ledger. The PVA does not conduct monthly bank reconciliations.

#### 2. Procedure -

Confirm all payments by the city to the PVA. Compare recorded city receipts to confirmed payment amounts obtained from city governments. Also compare recorded city receipts to the DOR list of cities to determine if the PVA has accounted for all city receipts.

Finding -

There were no receipts from the cities. PVA did not send invoices to the cities to collect proper payments. The PVA should ensure that proper payments are received from the cities.



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#### 3. Procedure -

Confirm all payments made by the fiscal court to the PVA. Compare the budgeted statutory contribution by the fiscal court to the legally required amounts calculated by the Department of Revenue. Trace the fiscal court payments from the fiscal court statutory contribution budget account to the PVA's local bank account.

Finding -

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

#### 4. Procedure -

Judgmentally select 15 disbursements from PVA records and agree amounts to paid invoices or other supporting documentation and bank records. Determine if the disbursement is for official business. Inspect all credit card statements (if any) to determine if disbursements are for official business.

Finding -

The following exceptions were noted in regards to tested disbursements:

- One instance in which proper support was not maintained, totaling \$328.
- Two instances in which the amount paid did not agree to amount owed per invoice.
- Eight instances of late fees being paid totaling \$221.

There was a total of \$549 in expenditures that were determined not to be for official business and therefore will need to be repaid personally by the PVA. The PVA does not have a credit card.

#### 5. Procedure -

Compare capital outlay disbursements with supporting documentation, bank records, and proper purchasing procedures. Observe newly acquired assets. Determine if assets were added to the PVA's Capital Asset Inventory List.

Finding -

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

#### 6. Procedure -

Scan vehicle lease agreements, personal service contracts, and professional service contracts for cost schedules and compare to actual payments. Determine if services received were appropriate, for official business, and properly authorized.

Finding -

The PVA's agreement and contract payments do not agree to cost schedules and the payments were not up to date. The services received were appropriate, for official business, and properly authorized.

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#### 7. Procedure -

Compare the PVA's final budget to actual disbursements to determine if the PVA overspent in any account series.

Finding -

Comparison of actual disbursements to final budget could not be performed and could not determine if the PVA overspent in any account series.

PVA's Response: PVA has purchased QuickBooks to create reports.

#### 8. Procedure -

Determine whether timesheets are completed, maintained, approved, and support hours worked by inspecting one pay period's timesheets.

Finding -

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

#### 9. Procedure -

Determine whether cash balances were properly transferred from the former PVA to the new PVA.

Finding -

Not applicable as no change in the PVA.

#### 10. Procedure -

For PVA office employees hired between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2019, determine if the Ethics Certification Form has been completed and is on file.

Finding -

Not applicable since no one was hired between during July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

#### 11. Procedure -

Determine if the PVA's office was closed any day other than the state's approved holidays. If so, determine if the proper procedures and forms were completed.

Finding -

The PVA did not follow the proper procedures or complete the appropriate form for the days the office was closed other than state's approved holidays.

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This agreed-upon procedures engagement was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the *Fiscal and Personnel Administration Manual for the Office of Property Valuation Administrator*. 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 the receipts and disbursements, including capital outlay disbursements, city government receipts, recordkeeping, and leases and contracts. 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.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Property Valuation Administrator and the Finance and Administration Cabinet, Department of Revenue, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Harmon

**Auditor of Public Accounts** 

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