# REPORT OF THE AUDIT OF THE CAMPBELL COUNTY CLERK

For The Year Ended December 31, 2016



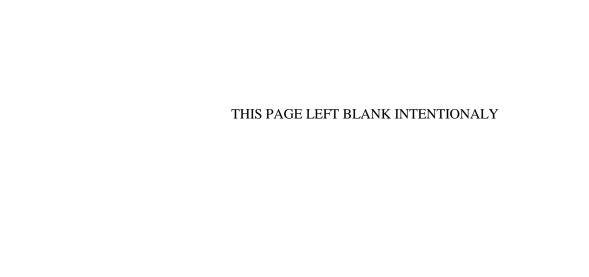
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The Honorable Steve Pendery, Campbell County Judge/Executive The Honorable Jim Luersen, Campbell County Clerk Members of the Campbell County Fiscal Court

Independent Auditor's Report

#### **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying Statement of Receipts and Disbursements - Regulatory Basis of the County Clerk of Campbell County, Kentucky and the Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Fund Balances of the County Clerk's Operating Fund and County Fund with the State Treasurer - Regulatory Basis for the year ended December 31, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements.

#### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the laws of Kentucky to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting and budget laws. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

#### **Auditor's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the *Audit Guide for County Fee Officials* issued by the Auditor of Public Accounts, Commonwealth of Kentucky. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.



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#### Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

As described in Note 1 of the financial statements, the financial statements are prepared by the Campbell County Clerk on the basis of the accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the laws of Kentucky to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting and budget laws, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The effects on the financial statements of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 1 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material.

#### Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the Basis for Adverse Opinions on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles paragraph, the financial statements referred to above do not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of each fund of the Campbell County Clerk, as of December 31, 2016, or changes in financial position or cash flows thereof for the year then ended.

#### **Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the receipts and disbursements of the Campbell County Clerk and the receipts, disbursements, and fund balances of the Campbell County Clerk's operating fund and county fund with the state treasurer for the year ended December 31, 2016, in accordance with the basis of accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Commonwealth of Kentucky as described in Note 1.

#### Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated May 3, 2018, on our consideration of the Campbell County Clerk's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Respectfully submitted.

Mike Harmon

Auditor of Public Accounts

# CAMPBELL COUNTY JIM LUERSEN, COUNTY CLERK STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS - REGULATORY BASIS

#### For The Year Ended December 31, 2016

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State Fees For Services		\$	31,574
Fiscal Court			177,057
Licenses and Taxes:			
Motor Vehicle-			
Licenses and Transfers	\$ 2,280,916		
Usage Tax	8,574,471		
Tangible Personal Property Tax	8,804,679		
Notary Fees	48,516		
Lien Release Fees	28,012		
Miscellaneous Income	15,650		
Other-			
Marriage Licenses	29,714		
Miscellaneous Licenses	25		
Deed Transfer Tax	400,443		
Delinquent Tax	710,682	20	),893,108
Fees Collected for Services:			
Recordings-			
Deeds, Easements, and Contracts	50,098		
Real Estate Mortgages	215,861		
Chattel Mortgages and Financing Statements	189,181		
Powers of Attorney	5,697		
Affordable Housing Trust	90,660		
Miscellaneous Recordings	15,624		
All Other Recordings	29,242		
Charges for Other Services-			
Candidate Filing Fees	5,350		
Copywork	33,163		
Miscellaneous Reimbursements	30,058		
Postage	8,777		673,711
Total Receipts		21	1,775,450

#### CAMPBELL COUNTY JIM LUERSEN, COUNTY CLERK STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS - REGULATORY BASIS For The Year Ended December 31, 2016 (Continued)

#### **Disbursements**

Payments to State:			
Motor Vehicle-			
Licenses and Transfers	\$ 1,543,413		
Usage Tax	8,312,512		
Tangible Personal Property Tax	2,552,270		
Licenses, Taxes, and Fees-			
Delinquent Tax	65,926		
Legal Process Tax	74,849		
Affordable Housing Trust	90,660	\$12,639,630	
Payments to Fiscal Court:			
Tangible Personal Property Tax	683,765		
Delinquent Tax	98,616		
Deed Transfer Tax	380,421	1,162,802	
Payments to Other Districts:			
Tangible Personal Property Tax	5,299,013		
Delinquent Tax	338,530	5,637,543	
Payments to Sheriff		57,512	
Payments to County Attorney		92,907	
Other Disbursements:			
Bank Service Charges	48		
Refunds	11,800		
Election Expense	17,188		
Miscellaneous	1,112	30,148	
Total Disbursements			\$19,620,542
Net Receipts			2,154,908
Payments to State Treasurer:			
75% Operating Fund *		1,680,730	
25% County Fund		473,207	2,153,937
Balance Due at Completion of Audit			\$ 971
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<sup>\*</sup> Includes reimbursed expenses in the amount of \$247,485 for the audit period. See Note 1 of Notes to Financial Statements.

# CAMPBELL COUNTY JIM LUERSEN, COUNTY CLERK STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND FUND BALANCES OF THE COUNTY CLERK'S OPERATING FUND AND COUNTY FUND WITH THE STATE TREASURER - REGULATORY BASIS

#### For The Year Ended December 31, 2016

	75% Operating Fund	25% County Fund	Totals
Fund Balance - January 1, 2016	\$ 18,46	1 \$	\$ 18,461
Receipts			
Fees Paid to State - Operating Funds (75%) Fees Paid to State - County Funds (25%)	1,680,73	0 473,207	1,680,730 473,207
Total Funds Available	1,699,19	1 473,207	2,172,398
<u>Disbursements</u>			
Campbell County Fiscal Court Personnel Services-		473,207	473,207
Official's Statutory Maximum	103,20	2	103,202
Official's Expense Allowance	3,60		3,600
Official's Training Incentive	1,98		1,984
Deputies' Salaries	750,77		750,779
Overtime Gross	77,74		77,746
Employee Benefits-	, , , , ,	O	77,710
Employer's Share Social Security	67,93	0	67,930
Employer's Share Retirement	162,99		162,998
Employer's Share Health Insurance	260,28		260,289
Employer's Share Life Insurance	1		12
Employer's Share Dental Insurance	20,13		20,133
Workers' Compensation	2,88		2,884
Unemployment Insurance	2,31	6	2,316
Contracted Services-			
Software License and Service	35,76	0	35,760
Supplies and Materials-			
Office Supplies	29,63	2	29,632

CAMPBELL COUNTY
JIM LUERSEN, COUNTY CLERK
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For The Year Ended December 31, 2016
(Continued)

	75%	25%	
	Operating	County	
	Fund	Fund	Totals
<u>Disbursements</u> (Continued)			
Other Charges-			
Conventions and Travel	\$ 2,593	\$	\$ 2,593
Bonds	15,947		15,947
Hardware Maintenance	65,549		65,549
Copy Machine Maintenance	3,729		3,729
Postage	18,801		18,801
Miscellaneous	6,498		6,498
Total Disbursements	1,632,382	473,207	2,105,589
Fund Balance - December 31, 2016	\$ 66,809	\$ 0	\$ 66,809

### CAMPBELL COUNTY NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2016

#### Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

#### A. Fund Accounting

A fee official uses a fund to report on the results of operations. A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain government functions or activities.

A fee official uses a fund for fees to account for activities for which the government desires periodic determination of the excess of receipts over disbursements to facilitate management control, accountability, and compliance with laws.

#### B. Basis of Accounting

KRS 64.820 directs the fiscal court to collect any amount due from the county clerk as determined by the audit.

KRS 64.350 establishes that a fee official in counties with a population over 70,000 has two funds with the state treasurer for the deposit of fees collected. Seventy-five percent (75%) of the fees collected are deposited in a county clerk's operating fund and used for office expenses of the fee official. The remaining twenty-five percent (25%) of fees collected are deposited to the county fiscal court fund and paid to the fiscal courts, urban-county governments, or consolidated local governments of the respective counties quarterly no later than April 15, July 15, October 15, and January 15. These funds are closed at the end of each official term by paying the balances to the respective county government.

Also, some revenues of the fee official offices could be considered reimbursed expenses. All reimbursed expenses are treated as revenue in the 75 percent fund.

The financial statements have been prepared on a regulatory basis of accounting, which demonstrates compliance with the laws of Kentucky and is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Under this regulatory basis of accounting, receipts and disbursements are generally recognized when cash is received or disbursed with the exception of accrual of the following items (not all-inclusive), at December 31:

- Interest receivable
- Collection on accounts due from others for 2016 services
- Reimbursements for 2016 activities.
- Payments due other governmental entities for December tax and fee collections
- Payroll expenditures incurred but not paid
- Payments due vendors for goods or services provided in 2016

#### C. Cash and Investments

KRS 66.480 authorizes the county clerk's office to invest in obligations of the United States and of its agencies and instrumentalities, obligations and contracts for future delivery or purchase of obligations backed by the full faith and credit of the United States, obligations of any corporation of the United States government, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of this state, and certificates of deposit issued by or other interest-bearing accounts of any bank or savings and loan institution which are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) or which are collateralized, to the extent uninsured, by any obligation permitted by KRS 41.240(4).

CAMPBELL COUNTY NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS December 31, 2016 (Continued)

#### Note 2. Employee Retirement System and Other Post-Employment Benefits

The county official and employees have elected to participate, pursuant to KRS 78.530, in the County Employees Retirement System (CERS), which is administered by the Board of Trustees of the Kentucky Retirement Systems (KRS). This is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer, defined benefit pension plan, which covers all eligible full-time employees and provides for retirement, disability, and death benefits to plan members. Benefit contributions and provisions are established by statute.

Nonhazardous covered employees are required to contribute five percent of their salary to the plan. Nonhazardous covered employees who begin participation on or after September 1, 2008, are required to contribute six percent of their salary to the plan. The county's contribution rate for nonhazardous employees was 17.06 percent for the first six months and 18.68 percent for the last six months.

In accordance with Senate Bill 2, signed by the Governor on April 4, 2013, plan members who began participating on, or after, January 1, 2014, were required to contribute to the Cash Balance Plan. The Cash Balance Plan is known as a hybrid plan because it has characteristics of both a defined benefit plan and a defined contribution plan. Members in the plan contribute a set percentage of their salary each month to their own account. Nonhazardous members contribute five percent of their annual creditable compensation and one percent to the health insurance fund which is not credited to the member's account and is not refundable. The employer contribution rate is set annually by the Board based on an actuarial valuation. The employer contributes a set percentage of the member's salary. Each month, when employer contributions are received, an employer pay credit is deposited to the member's account. A nonhazardous member's account is credited with a four percent employer pay credit. The employer pay credit represents a portion of the employer contribution.

The county clerk's contribution for calendar year 2014 was \$175,563, calendar year 2015 was \$158,110, and calendar year 2016 was \$162,998.

Benefits fully vest on reaching five years of service for nonhazardous employees. Aspects of benefits for nonhazardous employees include retirement after 27 years of service or age 65. Nonhazardous employees who begin participation on or after September 1, 2008, must meet the rule of 87 (member's age plus years of service credit must equal 87, and the member must be a minimum of 57 years of age) or the member is age 65, with a minimum of 60 months service.

CERS also provides post-retirement health care coverage as follows:

For members participating prior to July 1, 2003, years of service and respective percentages of the maximum contribution are as follows:

Years of Service	% paid by Insurance Fund	% Paid by Member through Payroll Deduction
20 or more	100%	0%
15-19	75%	25%
10-14	50%	50%
4-9	25%	75%
Less than 4	0%	100%

CAMPBELL COUNTY NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS December 31, 2016 (Continued)

#### Note 2. Employee Retirement System and Other Post-Employment Benefits (Continued)

As a result of House Bill 290 (2004 General Assembly), medical insurance benefits are calculated differently for members who began participation on or after July 1, 2003. Once members reach a minimum vesting period of ten years, non-hazardous employees whose participation began on or after July 1, 2003, earn ten dollars per month for insurance benefits at retirement for every year of earned service without regard to a maximum dollar amount. This dollar amount is subject to adjustment annually based on the retiree cost of living adjustment, which is updated annually due to changes in the Consumer Price Index.

Historical trend information showing the CERS' progress in accumulating sufficient assets to pay benefits when due is presented in the Kentucky Retirement Systems' annual financial report. This report may be obtained by writing the Kentucky Retirement Systems, 1260 Louisville Road, Frankfort, KY 40601-6124, or by telephone at (502) 564-4646.

KRS also issues a proportionate share audit report that includes the total pension liability for CERS determined by actuarial valuation as well as each participating county's proportionate share. The Schedules of Employer Allocations and Pension Amounts by Employer report and the related actuarial tables are available online at <a href="https://kyret.ky.gov/employers/GASB/Pages/GASB-Library.aspx">https://kyret.ky.gov/employers/GASB/Pages/GASB-Library.aspx</a>. The complete actuarial valuation report, including all actuarial assumptions and methods, is also available on the website or can be obtained as described in the paragraph above.

#### Note 3. Deposits

The Campbell County Clerk maintained deposits of public funds with depository institutions insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) as required by KRS 66.480(1)(d). According to KRS 41.240, the depository institution should pledge or provide sufficient collateral which, together with FDIC insurance, equals or exceeds the amount of public funds on deposit at all times. In order to be valid against the FDIC in the event of failure or insolvency of the depository institution, this pledge or provision of collateral should be evidenced by an agreement between the county clerk and the depository institution, signed by both parties, that is (a) in writing, (b) approved by the board of directors of the depository institution or its loan committee, which approval must be reflected in the minutes of the board or committee, and (c) an official record of the depository institution.

#### Custodial Credit Risk - Deposits

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a depository institution failure the county clerk's deposits may not be returned. The Campbell County Clerk does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk but rather follows the requirements of KRS 66.480(1)(d) and KRS 41.240. On September 6, 2016, the county clerk's bank balance was exposed to custodial credit risk because the bank did not adequately collateralize the county clerk's deposits in accordance with the security agreement.

Uncollateralized and Uninsured \$197.504

#### Note 4. Bond Account

The Campbell County Clerk maintained an account for the receipts and disbursements of mechanic's bonds. The beginning balance was \$2,992 on January 1, 2016. Total receipts were \$72,012. As there were no disbursements, leaving the account was a balance of \$75,004 on December 31, 2016.

CAMPBELL COUNTY NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS December 31, 2016 (Continued)

#### Note 5. Delinquent Tax Account

The Campbell County Clerk maintained an account for delinquent tax refunds and overpayments. The December 31, 2015 balance in the prior year audit was \$46,966. This balance has been restated in the current year audit to take into account a \$943 transfer. The restated beginning balance was \$46,023 on January 1, 2016. Total receipts during calendar year 2016 were \$5,261 and disbursements totaled \$6,191. This left the account with a balance of \$45,093.

#### Note 6. Libraries and Archives Grant

The Campbell County Clerk received a grant from the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives in the amount of \$55,233. None of the funds had been expended as of December 31, 2016, leaving a balance in the account of \$55,233.

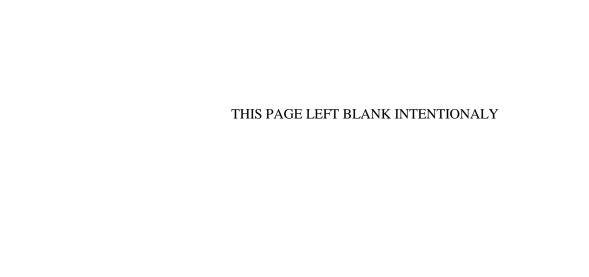
#### Note 7. Courthouse Commission

The Campbell County Clerk's office maintains a courthouse commission account that escrows taxes collected for the courthouse commission district, which is no longer a taxing district and cannot accept any tax collection revenue. The beginning balance was \$11,308. During 2016, no activity occurred, therefore, the December 31, 2016 balance was \$11,308.

#### Note 8. Lease

The Campbell County Clerk's office is committed to a lease agreement for software. The agreement is for four years, requires a yearly payment of \$35,760, and renews automatically for additional one-year terms thereafter. The total remaining balance of the agreement was \$71,520 as of December 31, 2016.

REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS





## MIKE HARMON AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

The Honorable Steve Pendery, Campbell County Judge/Executive The Honorable Jim Luersen, Campbell County Clerk Members of the Campbell County Fiscal Court

> Report On Internal Control Over Financial Reporting And On Compliance And Other Matters Based On An Audit Of The Financial Statements Performed In Accordance With *Government Auditing Standards*

#### Independent Auditor's Report

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the Statement of Receipts and Disbursements - Regulatory Basis of the County Clerk of Campbell County, Kentucky, the Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Fund Balances of the County Clerk's Operating Fund and County Fund with the State Treasurer - Regulatory Basis for the year ended December 31, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated May 3, 2018. The Campbell County Clerk's financial statements are prepared on a regulatory basis of accounting, which demonstrates compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting and budget laws, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

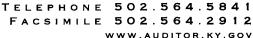
#### **Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Campbell County Clerk's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Campbell County Clerk's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Campbell County Clerk's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.







Report On Internal Control Over Financial Reporting And On Compliance And Other Matters Based On An Audit Of The Financial Statements Performed In Accordance With *Government Auditing Standards* (Continued)

#### **Compliance And Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Campbell County Clerk's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

#### **Purpose of this Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Harmon

Auditor of Public Accounts

May 3, 2018