## REPORT OF THE AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES ENGAGEMENT OF THE HICKMAN 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 Amanda Ballantine, Hickman County Property Valuation Administrator Clinton, Kentucky 42031

We have performed the procedures enumerated below, which were agreed to by the Finance and Administration Cabinet, Department of Revenue (DOR), and the Hickman 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, city government, including capital outlay disbursements, city government, 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 has a receipts and disbursements ledger. The year-end bank reconciliation was not accurate. The bank reconciliation was prepared as of June 24, 2019. Year-end bank reconciliations should be prepared as of June 30, 2019.

*PVA's Response: I have contacted First Community Bank and asked that the statements get issued to our office at the ending of the month instead rather than the 24<sup>th</sup>. They were able to correct this.* 

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 -

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

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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 -

Payments made by the fiscal court to the PVA have been confirmed. The budgeted statutory contribution by the fiscal court agreed to the legally required amounts calculated by the Department of Revenue. The fiscal court payments were traced from the fiscal court statutory contribution budget to the PVA's local bank accounts. The fiscal court payments were made late in all 4 quarters of the fiscal year. According to KRS 132.590(12), "Four (4) equal payments shall be made on or before September 1, December 1, March 1, and June 1 respectively."

PVA's Response: I spoke with Hickman County Treasurer, [sic] and she carried out this request.

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 -

No exceptions were found as a result of applying the procedure

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 -

No exceptions were found as a result of applying the procedure

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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 -

Budget to actual disbursements were compared and the PVA overspent in Account Commodities/Other Expenses (Series 300) by \$1,844.

PVA's Response: An amendment to the 300 account has been implemented.

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 -

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

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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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