REPORT OF THE AUDIT OF THE UNION COUNTY FISCAL COURT

For The Year Ended June 30, 2020



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To the People of Kentucky

The Honorable Andy Beshear, Governor Holly M. Johnson, Secretary Finance and Administration Cabinet The Honorable Adam O'Nan, Union County Judge/Executive Members of the Union County Fiscal Court

Independent Auditor's Report

Report on the Financial Statement

We have audited the accompanying Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Changes in Fund Balances - Regulatory Basis of the Union County Fiscal Court, for the year ended June 30, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statement which collectively comprise the Union County Fiscal Court's financial statement as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statement

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of this financial statement in accordance with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Department for Local Government to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting and budget laws. This includes determining that the regulatory basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statement in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of a financial statement that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial statement 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 Fiscal Court Audits* 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 statement is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statement, 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 statement 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 statement.

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 statement, the financial statement is prepared by the Union County Fiscal Court on the basis of the accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Department for Local Government 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 statement 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 Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles paragraph, the financial statement referred to above does not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Union County Fiscal Court as of June 30, 2020, 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 statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the fund balances of the Union County Fiscal Court as of June 30, 2020, and their respective cash receipts and disbursements, and budgetary results for the year then ended, in accordance with the basis of accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Department for Local Government described in Note 1.

Other Matters

Supplementary and Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statement taken as a whole of the Union County Fiscal Court. The Budgetary Comparison Schedules (supplementary information) and Schedule of Capital Assets (other information) are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statement; however, they are required to be presented in accordance with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Department for Local Government to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting and budget laws.

The accompanying Budgetary Comparison Schedules are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statement. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statement and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statement itself, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the Budgetary Comparison Schedules are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statement as a whole.

The Schedule of Capital Assets has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statement, and accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

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Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated May 25, 2021, on our consideration of the Union County Fiscal Court's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is 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. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Union County Fiscal Court's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Based on the results of our audit, we present the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Responses included herein, which discusses the following report finding:

2020-001 Internal Control Deficiencies Exist Over The Reporting Of Liabilities And Debt

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Harmon Auditor of Public Accounts

May 25, 2021

UNION COUNTY OFFICIALS

For The Year Ended June 30, 2020

Fiscal Court Members:

Adam O'Nan	County Judge/Executive
Rick Wyatt	Magistrate
Jerri Floyd	Magistrate
Jim Ricketts	Magistrate
Jim Byrnes	Magistrate
Joe Clements	Magistrate

Other Elected Officials:

Julie Wallace	County Attorney
Shawn Elder	Jailer
Garrick Thompson	County Clerk
Trish Tackett	Circuit Court Clerk
Mickey Arnold	Sheriff
Clay Wells	Property Valuation Administrator
Stephen Shouse	Coroner

Appointed Personnel:

Lissa Gibson	County Treasurer
Kim Nance	Finance Officer

UNION COUNTY STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - REGULATORY BASIS

For The Year Ended June 30, 2020

UNION COUNTY STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - REGULATORY BASIS

For The Year Ended June 30, 2020

	Budgeted Funds					
	General Fund	Road Fund	Jail Fund			
RECEIPTS						
Taxes	\$ 2,449,547	\$	\$			
In Lieu Tax Payments	114,499					
Excess Fees	181,038					
Licenses and Permits	15,044					
Intergovernmental	323,788	1,927,703	552,206			
Charges for Services			29,611			
Miscellaneous	32,657	144,339	10,523			
Interest	5,196	7,555	192			
Total Receipts	3,121,769	2,079,597	592,532			
DISBURSEMENTS						
General Government	2,222,842					
Protection to Persons and Property	101,019		1,066,792			
General Health and Sanitation						
Social Services	6,636					
Recreation and Culture						
Roads		1,894,038				
Bus Services						
Debt Service		167,725				
Capital Projects		3,348				
Administration	562,040	257,883	428,250			
Total Disbursements	2,892,537	2,322,994	1,495,042			
Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts Over Disbursements Before Other						
Adjustments to Cash (Uses)	229,232	(243,397)	(902,510)			
Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)						
Transfers From Other Funds	150,000	167,725	915,000			
Transfers To Other Funds	(917,500)	(327,990)	, 10,000			
Total Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)	(767,500)	(160,265)	915,000			
Net Change in Fund Balance	(538,268)	(403,662)	12,490			
Fund Balance - Beginning (Restated)	1,384,833	1,555,555	8,429			
Fund Balance - Ending	\$ 846,565		\$ 20,919			
Composition of Fund Balance						
Bank Balance	\$ 637,402	\$ 653.008	\$ 23.126			
Plus: Deposits In Transit	\$ 637,402 19,575	\$ 653,008	\$ 23,126			
Less: Outstanding Checks		(5 560)	(2 207)			
Money Market	(12,885) 202,473	(5,560) 504,445	(2,207)			
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Fund Balance - Ending	\$ 846,565	\$ 1,151,893	\$ 20,919			

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statement.

UNION COUNTY STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - REGULATORY BASIS For The Year Ended June 30, 2020 (Continued)

	Budgeted Funds						Unbudgeted Fund		geted Funds Unbudgeted Fund		
ŀ	Local overnment Economic ssistance Fund	St	ate Grant Fund		unty Bond Sinking Fund		Jail Commissary Fund		Total Funds		
\$		\$		\$		\$		\$	2,449,547		
									114,499		
									181,038		
	2 7 2 5 (2 0								15,044		
	3,795,639		10.000						6,599,336		
	122,709 97,183		10,000				146,128		162,320 430,830		
	13,302				257		140,120		430,830 26,502		
	4,028,833		10,000		257		146,128		9,979,116		
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	178,270								2,401,112		
	996,643		20,000						2,401,112 2,184,454		
	371,225		20,000						371,225		
	405,386								412,022		
	511,759						142,341		654,100		
									1,894,038		
	82,146								82,146		
					229,628				397,353		
	11,829								15,177		
	182,718		20.000		220 (20		142.241		1,430,891		
	2,739,976		20,000		229,628		142,341		9,842,518		
	1,288,857		(10,000)		(229,371)		3,787		136,598		
					210,192				1,442,917		
	(29,702)				(167,725)				(1,442,917)		
	(29,702)				42,467						
	1,259,155		(10,000)		(186,904)		3,787		136,598		
	253,489		10,498		186,905		27,019		3,426,728		
\$	1,512,644	\$	498	\$	1	\$	30,806	\$	3,563,326		
\$	1,272,409 2,225	\$	498	\$	2,501	\$	30,839	\$	2,619,783 21,800		
	(14,912) 252,922				(2,500)		(33)		(38,097) 959,840		
\$	1,512,644	\$	498	\$	1	\$	30,806	\$	3,563,326		

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statement.

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UNION COUNTY NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT

June 30, 2020

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Reporting Entity

The financial statement of Union County includes all budgeted and unbudgeted funds under the control of the Union County Fiscal Court. Budgeted funds included within the reporting entity are those funds presented in the county's approved annual budget and reported on the quarterly reports submitted to the Department for Local Government. Unbudgeted funds may include non-fiduciary financial activities, private purpose trust funds, and internal service funds that are within the county's control. Unbudgeted funds may also include any corporation to act as the fiscal court in the acquisition and financing of any public project which may be undertaken by the fiscal court pursuant to the provisions of Kentucky law and thus accomplish a public purpose of the fiscal court. The unbudgeted funds are not presented in the annual approved budget or in the quarterly reports submitted to the Department.

B. Basis of Accounting

The financial statement is presented on a regulatory basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as established by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. This basis of accounting involves the reporting of fund balances and the changes therein resulting from cash inflows (cash receipts) and cash outflows (cash disbursements) to meet the financial reporting requirements of the Department for Local Government and the laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

This regulatory basis of accounting differs from GAAP primarily because the financial statement format does not include the GAAP presentations of government-wide and fund financial statements, cash receipts are recognized when received in cash rather than when earned and susceptible to accrual, and cash disbursements are recognized when paid rather than when incurred or subject to accrual.

Generally, except as otherwise provided by law, property taxes are assessed as of January 1, levied (mailed) November 1, due at discount November 30, due at face value December 31, delinquent January 1 following the assessment, and subject to sale ninety days following April 15.

C. Basis of Presentation

Budgeted Funds

The fiscal court reports the following budgeted funds:

General Fund - This is the primary operating fund of the fiscal court. It accounts for all financial resources of the general government, except where the Department for Local Government requires a separate fund or where management requires that a separate fund be used for some function.

Road Fund - This fund is for road and bridge construction and repair. The primary sources of receipts for this fund are state payments for truck license distribution, municipal road aid, and transportation grants. The Department for Local Government requires the fiscal court to maintain these receipts and disbursements separately from the general fund.

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

C. Basis of Presentation (Continued)

Budgeted Funds (Continued)

Jail Fund - The primary purpose of this fund is to account for the jail expenses of the county. The primary sources of receipts for this fund are reimbursements from the state and federal governments, payments from other counties for housing prisoners, and transfers from the general fund. The Department for Local Government requires the fiscal court to maintain these receipts and disbursements separately from the general fund.

Local Government Economic Assistance Fund - The primary purpose of this fund is to account for grants and related disbursements. The primary sources of receipts for this fund are grants from the state and federal governments.

State Grant Fund - The primary purpose of this fund is to account for the ambulance grant received from the state.

County Bond Sinking Fund - The primary purpose of this fund is to account for debt service requirements of the Kentucky Association of Counties Leasing Trust Program (KACoLT) financing obligation and the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Department for Local Government (DLG) financing obligations

Unbudgeted Fund

The fiscal court reports the following unbudgeted fund:

Jail Commissary Fund - The canteen operations are authorized pursuant to KRS 441.135. The profits generated from the sale of items are to be used for the benefit and to enhance the well-being of the inmates, or to enhance safety and security within the jail. The jailer is required to maintain accounting records and report annually to the county treasurer the receipts and disbursements of the jail commissary fund.

D. Budgetary Information

Annual budgets are adopted on a regulatory basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as established by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board and according to the laws of Kentucky as required by the state local finance officer.

The county judge/executive is required to submit estimated receipts and proposed disbursements to the fiscal court by May 1 of each year. The budget is prepared by fund, function, and activity and is required to be adopted by the fiscal court by July 1.

The fiscal court may change the original budget by transferring appropriations at the activity level; however, the fiscal court may not increase the total budget without approval by the state local finance officer. Disbursements may not exceed budgeted appropriations at the activity level.

The state local finance officer does not require the jail commissary fund to be budgeted because the fiscal court does not approve the expenses of this fund.

UNION COUNTY NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT June 30, 2020 (Continued)

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

E. Union County Elected Officials

Kentucky law provides for election of the officials listed below from the geographic area constituting Union County. Pursuant to state statute, these officials perform various services for the Commonwealth of Kentucky, its judicial courts, the fiscal court, various cities and special districts within the county, and the board of education. In exercising these responsibilities, however, they are required to comply with state laws. Audits of their financial statements are issued separately and individually and can be obtained from their respective administrative offices. These financial statements are not required to be included in the financial statement of the Union County Fiscal Court.

- Circuit Court Clerk
- County Attorney
- Property Valuation Administrator
- County Clerk
- County Sheriff

F. Deposits and Investments

The government's fund balance is considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits, certificates of deposit, and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition. The government's fund balance includes cash and cash equivalents and investments.

KRS 66.480 authorizes the county 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).

G. Long-term Obligations

The fund financial statement recognizes bond interest, as well as bond issuance costs when received or when paid, during the current period. The principal amount of the debt and interest are reported as disbursements. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual debt proceeds received, are reported as disbursements. Debt proceeds are reported as other adjustments to cash.

Note 2. Deposits

The fiscal court maintained deposits of public funds with federally insured banking institutions as required by the Department for Local Government's (DLG) *County Budget Preparation and State Local Finance Officer Policy Manual*. The DLG Manual strongly recommends perfected pledges of securities covering all public funds except direct federal obligations and funds protected by federal insurance. In order to be perfected 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 fiscal court 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. These requirements were met.

Note 2. Deposits (Continued)

Custodial Credit Risk - Deposits

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a depository institution failure, the government's deposits may not be returned. The government does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk, but rather follows the requirements of the DLG *County Budget Preparation and State Local Finance Officer Policy Manual*. As of June 30, 2020, all deposits were covered by FDIC insurance or a properly executed collateral security agreement.

Note 3. Transfers

The table below shows the interfund operating transfers for fiscal year 2020.

			County Bond				
	General	Road	LGEA	Sinking	Total		
	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Transfers In		
General Fund	\$	\$ 150,000	\$	\$	\$ 150,000		
Road Fund				167,725	167,725		
Jail Fund	915,000				915,000		
County Bond Sinking Fund	2,500	177,990	29,702		210,192		
Total Transfers Out	\$ 917,500	\$ 327,990	\$ 29,702	\$ 167,725	\$ 1,442,917		

Reason for transfers:

To move resources from and to the general fund and other funds, for budgetary purposes, to the funds that will expend them.

Note 4. Custodial Funds

Custodial funds report only those resources held in a trust or custodial capacity for individuals, private organizations, or other governments. In accordance with the regulatory basis of accounting, custodial funds are not presented on the financial statement.

The fiscal court has the following custodial fund:

Jail Inmate Fund - This fund accounts for funds received from the inmates. The balance in the jail inmate fund as of June 30, 2020 was \$5,393.

Note 5. Long-term Debt

A. Direct Borrowings and Direct Placements

1. Energy Efficiency and Conservation Loan

On April 17, 2014, a loan agreement was made by and between the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Department for Local Government (DLG), and the Union County Fiscal Court. This loan agreement provides a loan in the amount of \$100,000 from the DLG Energy Efficiency and Conservation Revolving Loan Fund of Kentucky to the borrower, for the purpose of implementing energy savings measures in county buildings through an energy savings performance contract. Principal outstanding as of June 30, 2020, was \$42,500. Annual debt service requirements to maturity are as follows:

Fiscal Year Ending June 30	P	rincipal	Scheduled Interest		
2021 2022 2023 2024 2025	\$	$10,000 \\ 10,000 \\ 10,000 \\ 10,000 \\ 2,500$	\$		
Totals	\$	42,500	\$	0	

B. Other Debt

1. Series 2013, General Obligation Improvement Bonds (Road Project)

On December 3, 2013, the Union County Fiscal Court issued General Obligation Improvement Bonds (Road Project), Series 2013. The bonds were dated December 3, 2013, payable semi-annually on March 1 and September 1, beginning March 1, 2014. The interest rate on the bonds is 2.50% to 3.65%. The purpose of financing is (i) the construction of country road improvements, (ii) accrued or capitalized interest, and (iii) cost of issuance. The balance of the obligation at June 30, 2020, was \$1,310,000. Annual Debt Service requirements to maturity are as follows:

Fiscal Year Ending June 30	Principal		Scheduled Interest	
2021	\$	130,000	\$	39,538
2022		130,000	Ť	36,125
2023		135,000		32,481
2024		140,000		28,525
2025		145,000		24,250
2026-2029		630,000		45,812
Totals	\$	1,310,000	\$	206,731

Note 5. Long-term Debt (Continued)

B. Other Debt (Continued)

2. Series 2015 General Obligation Refunding Bond - USDA Loan Levee Project

On May 20, 2015, the Union County Fiscal Court issued General Obligation Refunding Bond (Levee Project), Series 2015. The bonds were dated May 20, 2015, payable semi-annually on January 1 and July 1, beginning July 1, 2015. The interest rate on the bonds is 3.5%. The bonds are being issued by the county for the purpose of providing interim financing for (i) the construction of renovations to the levees located within the geographical boundaries of the county so as to secure a FEMA re-certification, or accreditation of the levees located in the county and continued maintenance thereof so as to maintain FEMA's accreditation; (ii) capitalized or accrued interest, if any; and (iii) paying the cost of issuance of the bonds. The balance of the obligation at June 30, 2020, was \$2,843,359. Annual Debt Service requirements to maturity are as follows:

Fiscal Year Ending June 30	Principal		Scł ncipal In	
2021	¢	10 (1(¢	00 510
2021	\$	42,646	\$	99,518
2022		44,138		98,025
2023		45,683		96,480
2024		47,282		94,881
2025		48,937		93,226
2026-2030		271,608		439,209
2031-2035		322,584		388,232
2036-2040		383,128		327,687
2041-2045		455,037		255,779
2046-2050		540,441		170,386
2051-2055		641,875		68,942
Totals	\$	2,843,359	\$	2,132,365

C. Changes In Long-term Debt

Long-term Debt activity for the year ended June 30, 2020, was as follows:

	Beginning Balance (*Restated)	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year
Direct Borrowings and Direct Placements* General Obligation Bonds	\$ 55,000 4,319,563	\$	\$ 12,500 166,204	\$ 42,500 4,153,359	\$ 10,000 172,646
Total Long-term Debt	\$ 4,374,563	\$ 0	\$ 178,704	\$ 4,195,859	\$ 182,646

Note 5. Long-term Debt (Continued)

D. Aggregate Debt Schedule

The aggregate debt schedule is as follows:

		Other	De	bt		Direct B Direct	vings and ements
Fiscal Year Ended June 30	F	Principal		Interest	P	rincipal	 Interest
2021	\$	172,646	\$	139,056	\$	10,000	\$
2022		174,138		134,150		10,000	
2023		180,683		128,961		10,000	
2024		187,282		123,406		10,000	
2025		193,937		117,476		2,500	
2026-2030		901,608		485,021			
2031-2035		322,584		388,232			
2036-2040		383,128		327,687			
2041-2045		455,037		255,779			
2046-2050		540,441		170,386			
2051-2055		641,875		68,942			
	\$	4,153,359	\$	2,339,096	\$	42,500	\$ 0

Note 6. Employee Retirement System

The fiscal court has 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.

The county's contribution for FY 2018 was \$529,586, FY 2019 was \$640,433, and FY 2020 was \$705,505.

Nonhazardous

Nonhazardous covered employees are required to contribute 5 percent of their salary to the plan. Nonhazardous covered employees who begin participation on or after September 1, 2008, are required to contribute 6 percent of their salary to be allocated as follows: 5 percent will go to the member's account and 1 percent will go to the KRS insurance fund.

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 accounts. Nonhazardous covered employees contribute 5 percent of their annual creditable compensation. Nonhazardous members also contribute 1 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 KRS Board of Directors based on an actuarial valuation. The employer contributes a set percentage of the member's salary.

UNION COUNTY NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT June 30, 2020 (Continued)

Note 6. Employee Retirement System (Continued)

Nonhazardous (Continued)

Each month, when employer contributions are received, an employer pay credit is deposited to the member's account. A member's account is credited with a 4 percent employer pay credit. The employer pay credit represents a portion of the employer contribution.

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 credit.

The county's contribution rate for nonhazardous employees was 24.06 percent.

Hazardous

Hazardous covered employees are required to contribute 8 percent of their salary to the plan. Hazardous covered employees who begin participation on or after September 1, 2008, are required to contribute 9 percent of their salary to be allocated as follows: 8 percent will go to the member's account and 1 percent will go to the KRS insurance fund.

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 accounts. Hazardous members contribute 8 percent of their annual creditable compensation and also contribute 1 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 of Directors 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 hazardous member's account is credited with a 7.5 percent employer pay credit. The employer pay credit represents a portion of the employer contribution.

Aspects of benefits for hazardous employees include retirement after 20 years of service or age 55. For hazardous employees who begin participation on or after September 1, 2008, aspects of benefits include retirement after 25 years of service or the member is age 60, with a minimum of 60 months of service credit.

The county's contribution rate for hazardous employees was 39.58 percent.

Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB)

A. <u>Health Insurance Coverage - Tier 1</u>

CERS 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:

Note 6. Employee Retirement System (Continued)

Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) (Continued)

A. <u>Health Insurance Coverage - Tier 1</u> (Continued)

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%

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.

Hazardous employees whose participation began on or after July 1, 2003, earn 15 dollars per month for insurance benefits at retirement for every year of earned service without regard to a maximum dollar amount. Upon the death of a hazardous employee, the employee's spouse receives ten dollars per month for insurance benefits for each year of the deceased employee's hazardous service. 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.

Benefits are covered under KRS 161.714 with exception of COLA and retiree health benefits after July 2003.

B. Health Insurance Coverage - Tier 2 and Tier 3 - Nonhazardous

Once members reach a minimum vesting period of 15 years, they 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 by 1.5 percent. This was established for Tier 2 members during the 2008 Special Legislative Session by House Bill 1. During the 2013 Legislative Session, Senate Bill 2 was enacted, creating Tier 3 benefits for members.

The monthly insurance benefit has been increased annually as a 1.5 percent cost of living adjustment (COLA) since July 2003 when the law changed. The annual increase is cumulative and continues to accrue after the member's retirement.

Tier 2 member benefits are covered by KRS 161.714 with exception of COLA and retiree health benefits after July 2003. Tier 3 members are not covered by the same provisions.

UNION COUNTY NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT June 30, 2020 (Continued)

Note 6. Employee Retirement System (Continued)

Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) (Continued)

C. <u>Health Insurance Coverage - Tier 2 and Tier 3 - Nonhazardous</u>

Once members reach a minimum vesting period of 15 years, they earn fifteen 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 by 1.5 percent. Upon the death of a hazardous employee, the employee's spouse receives ten dollars per month for insurance benefits for each year of the deceased employee's hazardous service. This was established for Tier 2 members during the 2008 Special Legislative Session by House Bill 1. During the 2013 Legislative Session, Senate Bill 2 was enacted, creating Tier 3 benefits for members.

The monthly insurance benefit has been increased annually as a 1.5 percent COLA since July 2003 when the law changed. The annual increase is cumulative and continues to accrue after the member's retirement.

D. Cost of Living Adjustments - Tier 1

The 1996 General Assembly enacted an automatic cost of living adjustment (COLA) provision for all recipients of KRS benefits. During the 2008 Special Session, the General Assembly determined that each July beginning in 2009, retirees who have been receiving a retirement allowance for at least 12 months will receive an automatic COLA of 1.5 percent. The COLA is not a guaranteed benefit. If a retiree has been receiving a benefit for less than 12 months, and a COLA is provided, it will be prorated based on the number of months the recipient has been receiving a benefit.

E. Cost of Living Adjustments - Tier 2 and Tier 3

No COLA is given unless authorized by the legislature with specific criteria. To this point, no COLA has been authorized by the legislature for Tier 2 or Tier 3 members.

F. Death Benefit

If a retired member is receiving a monthly benefit based on at least 48 months of service credit, KRS will pay a \$5,000 death benefit payment to the beneficiary designated by the member specifically for this benefit. Members with multiple accounts are entitled to only one death benefit.

KRS Annual Financial Report and Proportionate Share Audit Report

KRS issues a publicly available annual financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information on CERS. 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 proportionate share audit reports for both total pension liability and other post-employment benefits for CERS determined by actuarial valuation as well as each participating county's proportionate share. Both the Schedules of Employer Allocations and Pension Amounts by Employer and the Schedules of Employer Allocations and Pension Amounts by Employer and the Schedules of Employer Allocations and the related actuarial tables are available online at https://kyret.ky.gov. 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.

UNION COUNTY NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT June 30, 2020 (Continued)

Note 7. Deferred Compensation

The Union County Fiscal Court voted to allow all eligible employees to participate in deferred compensation plans administered by the Kentucky Public Employees' Deferred Compensation Authority. The Kentucky Public Employees' Deferred Compensation Authority is authorized under KRS 18A.230 to 18A.275 to provide administration of tax sheltered supplemental retirement plans for all state, public school and university employees, and employees of local political subdivisions that have elected to participate.

These deferred compensation plans permit all full time employees to defer a portion of their salary until future years. The deferred compensation is not available to employees until termination, retirement, death, or unforeseeable emergency. Participation by eligible employees in the deferred compensation plans is voluntary.

Historical trend information showing the Kentucky Public Employees' Deferred Compensation Authority's progress in accumulating sufficient assets to pay benefits when due is presented in the Kentucky Public Employees' Deferred Compensation Authority's annual financial report. This report may be obtained by writing the Kentucky Public Employees' Deferred Compensation Authority at 501 High Street, 2nd Floor, Frankfort, KY 40601, or by telephone at (502) 573-7925.

Note 8. Health Reimbursement Account

The Union County Fiscal Court established a health reimbursement account in June 2009 to provide employees an additional health benefit. The county has contracted with a third-party administrator to administer the plan. The plan provides a debit card to each eligible employee provided \$2,400 for single plans and \$4,800 for all other plans each year to pay for qualified medical expenses. The balance of the plan as of June 30, 2020, is \$166,650.

Note 9. Insurance

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020, the Union County Fiscal Court was a member of the Kentucky Association of Counties' All Lines Fund (KALF). KALF is a self-insurance fund and was organized to obtain lower cost coverage for general liability, property damage, public officials' errors and omissions, public liability, and other damages. The basic nature of a self-insurance program is that of collectively shared risk by its members. If losses incurred for covered claims exceed the resources contributed by the members, the members are responsible for payment of the excess losses.

Note 10. Tax Abatements

The occupational tax was abated under the authority of Union County Fiscal Court. Homecare Products, Ervin Cable Construction, and Pride Industries are eligible to receive this tax abatement due to their commitment to expand and create jobs for citizens of Union County. The taxes are abated by a rebate paid back to the company. For fiscal year ended June 30, 2020, the Union County Fiscal Court abated occupational taxes totaling \$0. As part of the tax abatement agreement, the Union County Fiscal Court committed to rebate the companies half percent (0.5%) of the wages, salaries, or other compensation paid by the company imposed and levied as occupational license fees otherwise derived by the Union County Fiscal Court from salaries, wages, and other compensation paid to the qualifying new employees hired, for a period of ten years or until the maximum amount allowed under the Kentucky Business Investment Program (KBI) has been rebated, whichever first occurs.

Note 11. Prior Period Adjustments

	 General Fund	Jail Commissary		
Ending Cash Balance Prior Year Adjustment:	\$ 1,385,333	\$	34,187	
Prior Year Adjustment	 (500)		(7,168)	
Beginning Fund Balance - Restated	\$ 1,384,833	\$	27,019	

Note 12. Contingencies

The county is involved in multiple lawsuits. While individually they may not be significant, in the aggregate they could negatively impact the county's financial position. Due to the uncertainty of the litigation, a reasonable estimate of the financial impact on the county cannot be made at this time.

Note 13. Commitment Debt

On February 14, 2012, the Union County Fiscal Court entered into an agreement with the City of Sturgis, where the county accepts responsibility for and commits to remitting the semi-annual payments on behalf of the City of Sturgis for the city's state revolving loan to complete the Sturgis Water System/Union County District Consolidation Project. Payments are made December 1 and June 1 to Kentucky Infrastructure Authority each year. The balance of the obligation at June 30, 2020, was \$1,064,883. Annual Debt Service Requirements to maturity are as follows:

Fiscal Year Ending	Scheduled						
June 30		Principal	Interest				
2021	\$	61,692	\$	13,119			
2022		62,311		12,346			
2023		62,936		11,565			
2024		63,567		10,776			
2025		64,204		9,980			
2026-2030		330,803		37,667			
2031-2035		347,720		16,520			
2036		71,650		672			
Totals	\$	1,064,883	\$	112,645			

Note 14. Conduit Debt

From time to time the county has issued bonds to provide financial assistance to various entities for the acquisition and construction of industrial and commercial facilities deemed to be in the public interest, in accordance with KRS 103.210. This debt may take the form of certain types of limited-obligation revenue bonds, certificates of participation, or similar debt instruments. Although conduit debt obligations bear the Union County Fiscal Court's name as issuer, the fiscal court has no obligation for such debt beyond the resources provided by a lease or loan with the third party on whose behalf it is issued. Neither the fiscal court nor any political subdivision thereof is obligated in any manner for repayment of the bonds. Accordingly, the bonds are not reported as liabilities in the accompanying financial statement. As of June 30, 2020, conduit debt has been issued, but the amount currently outstanding is not reasonably determinable.

UNION COUNTY BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULES Supplementary Information - Regulatory Basis

For The Year Ended June 30, 2020

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UNION COUNTY BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULES Supplementary Information - Regulatory Basis

For The Year Ended June 30, 2020

				GENER	AL	FUND	
		Budgeted Original	Am	ounts Final		Actual Amounts, (Budgetary Basis)	fariance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
RECEIPTS							 · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Taxes	\$	2,029,265	\$	2,029,265	\$	2,449,547	\$ 420,282
In Lieu Tax Payments		2,000		2,000		114,499	112,499
Excess Fees		84,516		133,541		181,038	47,497
Licenses and Permits		14,150		14,150		15,044	894
Intergovernmental		423,175		443,875		323,788	(120,087)
Miscellaneous		17,000		17,000		32,657	15,657
Interest		14,750		14,750		5,196	(9,554)
Total Receipts		2,584,856		2,654,581		3,121,769	 467,188
DISBURSEMENTS							
General Government		2,540,823		2,605,478		2,222,842	382,636
Protection to Persons and Property		121,237		137,088		101,019	36,069
Social Services		10,750		10,935		6,636	4,299
Administration		598,412		587,446		562,040	25,406
Total Disbursements	_	3,271,222		3,340,947		2,892,537	 448,410
Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts Over Disbursements Before Other						220 222	015 500
Adjustments to Cash (Uses)		(686,366)		(686,366)		229,232	 915,598
Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)							
Transfers From Other Funds		150,000		150,000		150,000	
Transfers To Other Funds		(976,570)		(976,570)		(917,500)	 59,070
Total Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)		(826,570)		(826,570)		(767,500)	 59,070
Net Change in Fund Balance		(1,512,936)		(1,512,936)		(538,268)	974,668
Fund Balance - Beginning (Restated)		1,512,936		1,512,936		1,384,833	 (128,103)
Fund Balance - Ending	\$	0	\$	0	\$	846,565	\$ 846,565

	ROAD FUND									
		Budgeted Original	ounts Final		Actual Amounts, Budgetary Basis)	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)				
RECEIPTS										
Licenses and Permits	\$	50	\$	50	\$		\$	(50)		
Intergovernmental		1,751,785		2,052,998		1,927,703		(125,295)		
Miscellaneous		319,225		319,225		144,339		(174,886)		
Interest		4,458		4,458		7,555		3,097		
Total Receipts		2,075,518		2,376,731		2,079,597		(297,134)		
DISBURSEMENTS										
Roads		1,611,168		2,234,055		1,894,038		340,017		
Debt Service		167,725		167,725		167,725				
Capital Projects				3,349		3,348		1		
Administration		298,310		271,597		257,883		13,714		
Total Disbursements		2,077,203		2,676,726		2,322,994		353,732		
Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts Over										
Disbursements Before Other										
Adjustments to Cash (Uses)		(1,685)		(299,995)		(243,397)		56,598		
Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)										
Transfers From Other Funds						167,725		167,725		
Transfers To Other Funds		(327,990)		(327,990)		(327,990)				
Total Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)		(327,990)		(327,990)		(160,265)		167,725		
Net Change in Fund Balance		(329,675)		(627,985)		(403,662)		224,323		
Fund Balance - Beginning		329,675		627,985		1,555,555		927,570		
Fund Balance - Ending	\$	0	\$	0	\$	1,151,893	\$	1,151,893		

	JAIL FUND								
		Budgeted Original	ounts Final		Actual Amounts, Budgetary Basis)	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)			
RECEIPTS									
Intergovernmental	\$	597,300	\$	597,580	\$	552,206	\$	(45,374)	
Charges for Services		23,000		26,450		29,611		3,161	
Miscellaneous		11,500		11,970		10,523		(1,447)	
Interest		200		200		192		(8)	
Total Receipts		632,000		636,200		592,532		(43,668)	
DISBURSEMENTS									
Protection to Persons and Property		1,115,155		1,139,325		1,066,792		72,533	
Administration		508,415		488,445		428,250		60,195	
Total Disbursements		1,623,570		1,627,770		1,495,042		132,728	
Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts Over Disbursements Before Other									
Adjustments to Cash (Uses)		(991,570)		(991,570)		(902,510)		89,060	
Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)									
Transfers From Other Funds		976,570		976,570		915,000		(61,570)	
Total Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)		976,570		976,570		915,000		(61,570)	
Net Change in Fund Balance		(15,000)		(15,000)		12,490		27,490	
Fund Balance - Beginning		15,000		15,000		8,429		(6,571)	
Fund Balance - Ending	\$	0	\$	0	\$	20,919	\$	20,919	

						Actual Amounts,		ariance with inal Budget
		Budgeted		(Budgetary	Positive		
RECEIPTS		Original		Final		Basis)	(Negative)
Intergovernmental	\$	2,607,873	\$	3,076,048	\$	3,795,639	\$	719,591
Charges for Services	ψ	2,007,873 82,000	ψ	82,000	ψ	122,709	φ	40,709
Miscellaneous		92,500		92,500		97,183		4,683
Interest		500		500		13,302		12,802
Total Receipts		2,782,873		3,251,048		4,028,833		777,785
DISBURSEMENTS								
General Government		178,600		178,600		178,270		330
Protection to Persons and Property		1,022,226		1,120,168		996,643		123,525
General Health and Sanitation		353,735		423,829		371,225		52,604
Social Services		417,150		430,025		405,386		24,639
Recreation and Culture		297,200		572,903		511,759		61,144
Bus Services		89,000		89,000		82,146		6,854
Capital Projects		338,323		350,153		11,829		338,324
Administration		245,650		215,679		182,718		32,961
Total Disbursements		2,941,884		3,380,357		2,739,976		640,381
Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts Over Disbursements Before Other								
Adjustments to Cash (Uses)		(159,011)		(129,309)		1,288,857		1,418,166
Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)								
Transfers To Other Funds	_			(29,702)		(29,702)		
Total Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)				(29,702)		(29,702)		
Net Change in Fund Balance		(159,011)		(159,011)		1,259,155		1,418,166
Fund Balance - Beginning		159,011		159,011		253,489		94,478
Fund Balance - Ending	\$	0	\$	0	\$	1,512,644	\$	1,512,644

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE FUND

				STATE G	RANT	FUND		
	(Budgeted Original	Amo	unts Final	A (B	Actual mounts, udgetary Basis)	Variance Final Bu Positi (Negat	idget ve
RECEIPTS								
Charges for Services	\$	10,000	\$	10,000	\$	10,000	\$	
Total Receipts		10,000		10,000		10,000		
DISBURSEMENTS								
Protection to Persons and Property		20,000		20,000		20,000		
Total Disbursements		20,000		20,000		20,000		
Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts Over Disbursements Before Other								
Adjustments to Cash (Uses)		(10,000)		(10,000)		(10,000)		
Net Change in Fund Balance		(10,000)		(10,000)		(10,000)		
Fund Balance - Beginning		10,000		10,000		10,498		498
Fund Balance - Ending	\$	0	\$	0	\$	498	\$	498

	COUNTY BOND SINKING FUND								
		Budgeted Original	ınts Final		Actual Amounts, Budgetary Basis)	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)			
RECEIPTS		o rigini					((•844.•)	
Interest	\$		\$		\$	257	\$	257	
Total Receipts						257		257	
DISBURSEMENTS									
Debt Service		394,853		424,555		229,628		194,927	
Total Disbursements		394,853		424,555		229,628		194,927	
Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts Over									
Disbursements Before Other									
Adjustments to Cash (Uses)		(394,853)		(424,555)		(229,371)		195,184	
Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)									
Transfers From Other Funds		177,990		207,692		210,192		2,500	
Transfers To Other Funds						(167,725)		(167,725)	
Total Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)		177,990		207,692		42,467		(165,225)	
Net Change in Fund Balance		(216,863)		(216,863)		(186,904)		29,959	
Fund Balance - Beginning		216,863		216,863		186,905		(29,958)	
Fund Balance - Ending	\$	0	\$	0	\$	1	\$	1	

UNION COUNTY NOTES TO REGULATORY SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION - BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULES

June 30, 2020

Note 1. Budgetary Information

Annual budgets are adopted on a regulatory basis of accounting which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as established by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board and according to the laws of Kentucky as required by the state local finance officer.

The county judge/executive is required to submit estimated receipts and proposed disbursements to the fiscal court by May 1 of each year. The budget is prepared by fund, function, and activity and is required to be adopted by the fiscal court by July 1.

The fiscal court may change the original budget by transferring appropriations at the activity level; however, the fiscal court may not increase the total budget without approval by the state local finance officer. Disbursements may not exceed budgeted appropriations at the activity level.

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UNION COUNTY SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL ASSETS Other Information - Regulatory Basis

For The Year Ended June 30, 2020

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UNION COUNTY SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL ASSETS Other Information - Regulatory Basis

For The Year Ended June 30, 2020

The fiscal court reports the following Schedule of Capital Assets:

	Balance (*Restated)	Additions	Deletions	Ending Balance
Land and Buildings * Other Equipment * Vehicles * Infrastructure	\$ 7,699,504 3,145,388 3,851,445 49,007,195	\$ 152,548 159,140 36,929	\$ 1,092,421 528,757 932,509	\$ 6,759,631 2,775,771 2,955,865 49,007,195
Total Capital Assets	\$ 63,703,532	\$ 348,617	\$ 2,553,687	\$ 61,498,462

UNION COUNTY NOTES TO OTHER INFORMATION - REGULATORY BASIS SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL ASSETS

June 30, 2020

Note 1. Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include land, land improvements, buildings, furniture and office equipment, building improvements, machinery, equipment, and infrastructure assets (roads and bridges) that have a useful life of more than one reporting period based on the government's capitalization policy, are reported as other information. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost when purchased or constructed.

	Capitalization Threshold		Useful Life	
		hreshold	(Years)	
Buildings and Building Improvements	\$	20,000	50	
Construction In Progress	\$	20,000	50	
Other Equipment	\$	20,000	15	
Vehicles	\$	20,000	5	
Infrastructure	\$	20,000	12-50	

Note 2. Restatement of Capital Assets Beginning Balance

	Land and Buildings		Other Equipment		Vehicles	
Prior Year Ending Balance	\$	7,392,825	\$	2,504,894	\$	3,277,289
Adjustments: Prior Year Errors		306,679		640,494		574,156
Beginning Balance - Restated	\$	7,699,504	\$	3,145,388	\$	3,851,445

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



MIKE HARMON AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

The Honorable Adam O'Nan, Union County Judge/Executive Members of the Union County Fiscal Court

Report On Internal Control Over Financial Reporting And On Compliance And Other Matters Based On An Audit Of The Financial Statement 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, Disbursements, and Changes in Fund Balances - Regulatory Basis of the Union County Fiscal Court for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statement which collectively comprise the Union County Fiscal Court's financial statement and have issued our report thereon dated May 25, 2021.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statement, we considered the Union County Fiscal Court's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statement, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Union County Fiscal Court's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Union County Fiscal Court's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies, and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. However, as described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Responses, we identified a certain deficiency in internal control that we consider to be a material weakness.

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 a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statement will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. We consider the deficiency described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Responses as item 2020-001 to be a material weakness.

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Compliance And Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Union County Fiscal Court's financial statement is 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 financial statement. 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*.

Views of Responsible Official and Planned Corrective Action

Union County's views and planned corrective action for the findings identified in our audit are included in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Responses. The county's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statement, and accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

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 25, 2021

UNION COUNTY SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES

For The Year Ended June 30, 2020

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INTERNAL CONTROL - MATERIAL WEAKNESS:

2020-001 Internal Control Deficiencies Exist Over The Reporting Of Liabilities And Debt

Internal control deficiencies exist over the reporting of liabilities and debt of the Union County Fiscal Court. Outstanding debt as of June 30, 2020, reported on the fourth quarter financial report was \$1,064,883 less than the outstanding debt per debt schedules. Due to a lack of oversight, the amount of outstanding debt reported on the fourth quarter financial report was incorrect and does not agree with outstanding debt on the debt schedules.

Strong internal controls over outstanding debt and liabilities are necessary to ensure accurate financial reporting.

We recommend the Union County Fiscal Court strengthen internal controls over the reporting of debt service payments and outstanding balances. Internal controls, such as comparisons of payment amounts and outstanding balances to amortization and payment schedules, should be implemented. We also recommend the county consult with lenders to verify outstanding debt balances are in agreement with the county's schedule of leases and liabilities. Such practices will strengthen internal controls over liabilities and debt service and ensure that the proper amounts are reported.

Views of Responsible Official and Planned Corrective Action:

County Judge/Executive's Response: After the third quarter 2021 and in preparing the 21-22 budget, Treasurer Gibson discovered this balance difference herself. The balance error was corrected prior to the audit exit.

CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE -LOCAL GOVERNMENT ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

UNION COUNTY FISCAL COURT

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CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE COUNTY FISCAL COURT

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The Union County Fiscal Court hereby certifies that assistance received from the Local Government Economic Assistance Program was expended for the purpose intended as dictated by the applicable Kentucky Revised Statutes.

County Judge/Executive

County Treasurer