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Harmon Releases Agreed-Upon Procedures Engagement of Former Bracken County Clerk's Fee Account

FRANKFORT, Ky. – State Auditor Mike Harmon today released the 2022 agreed-upon procedures engagement of former Bracken County Clerk Rae Jean Poe. State law requires the auditor to conduct annual audits of county clerks and sheriffs.

In 2018 the Kentucky General Assembly, following a recommendation by the State Auditor, passed legislation that allows county sheriffs and clerks that met certain criteria to apply for an Agreed-Upon Procedures (AUP) engagement in lieu of an audit of their fee account. The intent of the change, which became effective in July 2018, was to reduce audit costs for sheriffs and clerks that have a history of clean audits, while still maintaining an appropriate level of accountability.

The former Bracken County Clerk applied for and received approval from the Auditor of Public Accounts (APA) to obtain an AUP engagement for calendar year 2022 in accordance with KRS 43.070(1)(c). AUP reports present the procedures performed and the results of those procedures, called findings. Auditors performed the procedures, which were agreed to by the former Bracken County Clerk, on receipts and disbursements, excess fees, recordkeeping, and leases, contracts, and liabilities for the period January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

The following exceptions were identified during the AUP engagement:

- **Excess fees due to the fiscal court were recalculated and there are \$1,811 in additional excess fees due to the fiscal court.**

Former County Clerk's Response: Will write the check now that audit is complete.

- **Payroll charges are properly supported by timesheets. However, timesheets were not approved by the former county clerk.**

Former County Clerk's Response: I approved every pay period there was. Sorry forgot to sign.

- **The former county clerk's agreements and contract payments agreed to cost schedules and the services received were appropriate, for official business, and properly authorized. Liabilities requiring disclosure were not disclosed properly on the fourth quarter financial statement.**

Former County Clerk's Response: Ok.

The county clerk's responsibilities include collecting certain taxes, issuing licenses, maintaining county records and providing other services. The clerk's office is funded through statutory fees collected in conjunction with these duties.

The agreed-upon procedures report can be found on the [auditor's website](#).

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