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Auditor Harmon Releases Results of Special Examination for the City of Campbellsville

Exam documents five findings during review of city activities from July 2014 to January 2017

FRANKFORT, Ky. (December 21, 2017) – Mike Harmon, Kentucky’s 47th Auditor of Public Accounts, today announced the findings of a special examination conducted by his office of the city of Campbellsville in Taylor County. The report cites five findings regarding city activities between July 2014 and January of this year.

“We found the city of Campbellsville did not follow state procurement rules, leading to a lack of competitive bidding, less transparency, and ethics concerns,” said Auditor Harmon. “Our examination recommends stronger oversight for management of public funds.”

The examination’s five findings include the following:

- The city routinely failed to follow proper procurement rules for purchases of more than \$20,000. Among the issues identified were failure to competitively bid contracts on city vehicle purchases, a sound system, and more than \$556,000 in paving services which went to one local vendor without the city seeking competitive bids.
- The city awarded more than \$188,000 in no-bid contracts to various businesses owned by three city council members and the mayor’s son over a three-year period. The services provided included a medic unit for the city’s Emergency Medical Services, an air conditioning unit for the new sewer plant, repairs on city owned vehicles, and flowers. The contracts were not publicly advertised and did not follow the city’s procurement policy.

- The city did not have a written contract agreement for services with the city attorney, or vendors providing solid waste disposal and water treatment.

“While none of our findings rose to the level of referral to law enforcement, our findings should be of serious concern to city leadership and the people of Campbellsville,” Auditor Harmon said. “I urge the mayor and city council to thoroughly review our findings and recommendations, and make serious changes that will bring greater accountability and transparency for those who elect them.”

The examination and its findings are available for review at [our website](#).

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