

**REPORT OF THE AUDIT OF THE  
WAYNE COUNTY  
SHERIFF'S SETTLEMENT - 2015 TAXES**

**For The Period  
April 16, 2015 Through April 15, 2016**



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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**  
**AUDIT OF THE**  
**WAYNE COUNTY**  
**SHERIFF'S SETTLEMENT - 2015 TAXES**

**For The Period**  
**April 16, 2015 Through April 15, 2016**

The Auditor of Public Accounts has completed the audit of the Sheriff's Settlement - 2015 Taxes for the Wayne County Sheriff for the period April 16, 2015 through April 15, 2016. We have issued an unmodified opinion on the financial statement taken as a whole. Based upon the audit work performed, the financial statement is presented fairly in all material respects.

**Financial Condition:**

The sheriff collected 2015 taxes of \$7,385,258 for the districts, retaining commissions of \$305,429 to operate the sheriff's office. The sheriff distributed 2015 taxes of \$7,061,350 to the districts.

**Report Comment:**

2015-001 The Sheriff's Office Lacked Adequate Segregation Of Duties Over Receipts

**Deposits:**

The sheriff's deposits were insured and collateralized by bank securities.



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Independent Auditor's Report

**Report on the Financial Statement**

We have audited the Wayne County Sheriff's Settlement - 2015 Taxes for the period April 16, 2015 through April 15, 2016 - Regulatory Basis, and the related notes to the financial statement.

**Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statement**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement 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 as described in Note 1. 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 the 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 Sheriff's Tax Settlements* 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 Wayne County Sheriff on the basis of accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the laws of Kentucky to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting, 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 taxes charged, credited and paid of the Wayne County Sheriff, for the period April 16, 2015 through April 15, 2016.

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

In our opinion, the financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the taxes charged, credited, and paid for the period April 16, 2015 through April 15, 2016 of the Wayne County Sheriff, 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 September 29, 2016 on our consideration of the Wayne County Sheriff'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 Wayne County Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



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**Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards* (Continued)**

Based on the results of our audit, we have presented the accompanying comment and recommendation, included herein, which discusses the following report comment:

2015-001 The Sheriff's Office Lacked Adequate Segregation Of Duties Over Receipts

Respectfully submitted,

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Mike Harmon

Auditor of Public Accounts

September 29, 2016

WAYNE COUNTY  
TIM CATRON, SHERIFF  
SHERIFF'S SETTLEMENT - 2015 TAXES

For The Period April 16, 2015 Through April 15, 2016

<u>Charges</u>	<u>County Taxes</u>	<u>Special Taxing Districts</u>	<u>School Taxes</u>	<u>State Taxes</u>
Real Estate	\$ 869,138	\$ 1,632,501	\$ 3,069,576	\$ 841,547
Tangible Personal Property	180,673	180,338	248,530	182,865
Fire Protection	5,255			
Increases Through Exonerations	38	38	52	33
Franchise Taxes	93,632	94,415	130,728	
Additional Billings	258	478	912	250
Oil Property Taxes	868	1,605	3,066	841
Limestone, Sand and Gravel Reserves	81	149	285	78
Bank Franchises	52,967			
Penalties	4,019	7,275	13,571	3,808
Inventory In Transit		978		
Adjusted to Sheriff's Receipt	(34)	37	8	(5)
Gross Chargeable to Sheriff	<u>1,206,895</u>	<u>1,917,814</u>	<u>3,466,728</u>	<u>1,029,417</u>
<u>Credits</u>				
Exonerations	2,701	4,876	9,115	2,674
Discounts	17,569	28,248	51,580	15,951
Delinquents:				
Real Estate	12,799	23,897	45,035	12,347
Tangible Personal Property	1,531	1,528	2,106	2,034
Franchise Taxes - Uncollected	492	478	635	
Total Credits	<u>35,092</u>	<u>59,027</u>	<u>108,471</u>	<u>33,006</u>
Taxes Collected	1,171,803	1,858,787	3,358,257	996,411
Less: Commissions *	49,802	78,950	134,330	42,347
Taxes Due	1,122,001	1,779,837	3,223,927	954,064
Taxes Paid	1,119,435	1,775,112	3,215,225	951,578
Refunds (Current and Prior Year)	2,566	4,725	8,702	2,486
Due as of Completion of Audit	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>

\* Commissions:

4.25% on \$ 4,007,459

4% on \$ 3,377,799

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

WAYNE COUNTY  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT

April 15, 2016

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Fund Accounting

The sheriff's office tax collection duties are limited to acting as an agent for assessed property owners and taxing districts. A fund is used to account for the collection and distribution of taxes. 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.

B. Basis of Accounting

The financial statement has been prepared on a regulatory basis of accounting, which demonstrates compliance with the laws of Kentucky and is a special purpose framework. Basis of accounting refers to when charges, credits, and taxes paid are reported in the settlement statement. It relates to the timing of measurements regardless of the measurement focus.

Charges are sources of revenue which are recognized in the tax period in which they become available and measurable. Credits are reductions of revenue which are recognized when there is proper authorization. Taxes paid are uses of revenue which are recognized when distributions are made to the taxing districts and others.

C. Cash and Investments

KRS 66.480 authorizes the sheriff's office to invest in the following, including but not limited to, 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).

Note 2. Deposits

The Wayne County Sheriff 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 sheriff 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.

WAYNE COUNTY  
 NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
 April 15, 2016  
 (Continued)

Note 2. Deposits (Continued)

Custodial Credit Risk - Deposits

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a depository institution failure, the sheriff's deposits may not be returned. The Wayne County Sheriff 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. As of April 15, 2016, all deposits were covered by FDIC insurance or a properly executed collateral security agreement.

Note 3. Tax Collection Period

A. Property Taxes

The real and personal property tax assessments were levied as of January 1, 2015. Property taxes were billed to finance governmental services for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016. Liens are effective when the tax bills become delinquent. The collection period for these assessments was September 24, 2015 through April 15, 2016.

B. Oil Property and Limestone, Sand, and Gravel Property

The oil property and limestone, sand, and gravel property tax assessments were levied as of January 1, 2015. Property taxes are billed to finance governmental services for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016. Liens are effective when the tax bills become delinquent. The collection period for these assessments was November 13, 2015 through April 15, 2016.

Note 4. Interest Income

The Wayne County Sheriff earned \$437 as interest income on 2015 taxes. The sheriff distributed the appropriate amount to the school district as required by statute, and the remainder was used to operate the sheriff's office

Note 5. Sheriff's 10% Add-On Fee

The Wayne County Sheriff collected \$23,189 of 10% add-on fees allowed by KRS 134.119(7). This amount was used to operate the sheriff's office.

Note 6. Unrefundable Duplicate Payments And Unexplained Receipts

The Wayne County Sheriff deposited unrefundable duplicate payments and unexplained receipts in an interest-bearing account. The sheriff's escrowed amounts were as follows:

2010	\$100
2012	\$514
2013	\$114

KRS 393.090 states that after three years, if the funds have not been claimed, they are presumed abandoned. Abandoned funds are required to be sent to the Kentucky State Treasurer pursuant to KRS 393.110 and its accompanying regulations.

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*





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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 Wayne County Sheriff's Settlement - 2015 Taxes for the period April 16, 2015 through April 15, 2016 - Regulatory Basis and the related notes to the financial statement and have issued our report thereon dated September 29, 2016. The Wayne County Sheriff's financial statement is prepared on a regulatory basis of accounting, which demonstrates compliance with the laws of Kentucky and is a special purpose framework.

**Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statement, we considered the Wayne County Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the 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 Wayne County Sheriff's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Wayne County Sheriff'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 comments and recommendations, 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 comment and recommendation as item 2015-001 to be a material weakness.



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*  
(Continued)

### Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Wayne County Sheriff'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 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,

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Auditor of Public Accounts

September 29, 2016



COMMENT AND RECOMMENDATION



WAYNE COUNTY  
TIM CATRON, SHERIFF  
COMMENT AND RECOMMENDATION

For The Period April 16, 2015 Through April 15, 2016

INTERNAL CONTROL – MATERIAL WEAKNESS:

2015-001 The Sheriff's Office Lacked Adequate Segregation Of Duties Over Receipts

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A lack of segregation of duties existed over the receipts of the sheriff's office because a limited number of employees were available to properly segregate these job duties. The sheriff's office employed two deputies who rotated duties. However, both office deputies open mail, received cash from customers, prepared the daily checkout sheets, posted to the receipts ledger, and prepared the daily bank deposit. We did note the daily checkout sheets are reviewed by someone each day. Although this is a compensating control and is acceptable, it does not offset the lack of adequate segregation of duties over receipts.

The lack of segregation of duties increases the risk of undetected misappropriation of assets, errors, and inaccurate financial reporting. To adequately protect employees in the normal course of performing their duties and prevent inaccurate financial reporting or misappropriation of assets, the sheriff should separate the duties involving collection of cash, deposit of cash, and posting of receipts. If this is not feasible due to a limited number of staff, strong oversight over those areas should occur and involve an employee not currently performing any of those functions. The individual providing this oversight should initial the source documents as evidence of this review. The sheriff could provide this oversight.

*Sheriff's Response: No response.*

