



**Auditor of
Public Accounts
Allison Ball**

Bourbon County Fiscal Court Audit

FRANKFORT, Ky. – State Auditor Allison Ball has released the audit of the financial statements of the Bourbon County Fiscal Court for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025. State law requires annual audits of county fiscal courts.

Auditing standards require the auditor's letter to communicate whether the financial statements present fairly the receipts, disbursements, and changes in fund balances of the Bourbon County Fiscal Court in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The fiscal court's financial statement did not follow this format. However, the fiscal court's financial statement is fairly presented in conformity with the regulatory basis of accounting, which is an acceptable reporting methodology. This reporting methodology is followed for 116 of 120 fiscal court audits in Kentucky.

Finding: Fourth quarter financial report was materially misstated.

The fiscal court's fourth quarter financial report submitted to the Department for Local Government (DLG), which serves as the fiscal court's year-end financial statement, was materially misstated. The General Fund prior year carryover was understated by \$2,191,122, with \$1,501,624 posted as bond revenue. General Fund receipts of \$60,919 were omitted from the financial statement. General Fund transfers out were understated by \$235,821. The Millersburg Road Park Project Fund receipts were overstated by \$235,821 and transfers in were understated \$235,821.

Recommendations

We recommend the county treasurer ensure all transactions are posted to the ledgers, as well as ensure that receipts and disbursements are categorized correctly to prevent necessary adjustments. In addition, we recommend the fiscal court establish adequate internal controls, oversight, and review procedures to ensure that all financial data is completely and accurately recorded and reported.

County Officials Response

County Judge/Executive's Response: We will review all quarterly financial reports for errors and correct before submitting.

Finding: Does not have adequate procedures for reporting county liabilities.

The Bourbon County Fiscal Court's fourth quarter financial report submitted to the DLG materially understated the fiscal court's outstanding debt. Debt principal was understated by \$237,425 and interest owed on debt by was understated by \$208,238.

Recommendations

We recommend the county improve procedures to ensure proper reporting of all county liabilities on the financial statement.

County Officials Response

County Judge/Executive's Response: We will develop a procedure for double checks on liability ledger postings.

The audit report can be found on the [auditor's website](#).

