

**REPORT OF THE AUDIT OF THE
BRACKEN COUNTY
FISCAL COURT**

**For The Year Ended
June 30, 2017**



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To the People of Kentucky

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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 Bracken County Fiscal Court, for the year ended June 30, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statement which collectively comprise the Bracken 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 Bracken 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 Bracken County Fiscal Court as of June 30, 2017, 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 Bracken County Fiscal Court as of June 30, 2017, 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 Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statement taken as a whole of the Bracken County Fiscal Court. The Budgetary Comparison Schedules and Capital Asset Schedule 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 and Capital Asset Schedule 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 or to 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 and Capital Asset Schedule are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statement as a whole.

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Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated September 21, 2018, on our consideration of the Bracken 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 Bracken County Fiscal Court's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Harmon", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Mike Harmon

Auditor of Public Accounts

September 21, 2018

BRACKEN COUNTY OFFICIALS**For The Year Ended June 30, 2017****Fiscal Court Members:**

| | |
|------------------------------|------------------------|
| Earl Bush | County Judge/Executive |
| Carl Allen, Jr. | Magistrate |
| John Corlis | Magistrate |
| Matthew Clark Hennessey, Jr. | Magistrate |
| David Hughes | Magistrate |
| Dennis Jefferson | Magistrate |
| David Kelsch | Magistrate |
| Scotty Lippert, Jr. | Magistrate |
| Doug Smith | Magistrate |

Other Elected Officials:

| | |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|
| Beth Moore | County Attorney |
| James Cox | Jailer |
| Rae Jean Poe | County Clerk |
| Heather Rehtin | Circuit Court Clerk |
| Howard Niemeier | Sheriff |
| Tracey Florer | Property Valuation Administrator |
| John G. Parker | Coroner |

Appointed Personnel:

| | |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| Judith F. Brothers | County Treasurer |
| Tina Teegarden | Financial Officer |

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

For The Year Ended June 30, 2017

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

For The Year Ended June 30, 2017

| | Budgeted Funds | | |
|--|-------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| | General Fund | Road Fund | Jail Fund |
| RECEIPTS | | | |
| Taxes | \$ 1,884,369 | \$ | \$ |
| In Lieu Tax Payments | 249 | | |
| Excess Fees | 95,208 | | |
| Licenses and Permits | 300 | | |
| Intergovernmental | 400,339 | 1,196,792 | 77,578 |
| Charges for Services | 1,193 | | 15,584 |
| Miscellaneous | 20,760 | 53,910 | 6,469 |
| Interest | 11,017 | 709 | 11 |
| Total Receipts | <u>2,413,435</u> | <u>1,251,411</u> | <u>99,642</u> |
| DISBURSEMENTS | | | |
| General Government | 932,817 | | |
| Protection to Persons and Property | 114,573 | | 165,711 |
| General Health and Sanitation | 138,574 | | |
| Social Services | 4,500 | | |
| Recreation and Culture | 42,289 | | |
| Roads | 197,582 | 1,133,815 | |
| Bus Services | 13,243 | | |
| Debt Service | 62,404 | 9,773 | |
| Capital Projects | 174,984 | | |
| Administration | 633,055 | 168,565 | 23,479 |
| Total Disbursements | <u>2,314,021</u> | <u>1,312,153</u> | <u>189,190</u> |
| Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts Over Disbursements Before Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses) | <u>99,414</u> | <u>(60,742)</u> | <u>(89,548)</u> |
| Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses) | | | |
| Transfers From Other Funds | | | 90,000 |
| Transfers To Other Funds | (133,000) | | |
| Total Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses) | <u>(133,000)</u> | | <u>90,000</u> |
| Net Change in Fund Balance | (33,586) | (60,742) | 452 |
| Fund Balance - Beginning | 3,714,096 | 246,399 | 10,483 |
| Fund Balance - Ending | <u>\$ 3,680,510</u> | <u>\$ 185,657</u> | <u>\$ 10,935</u> |
| Composition of Fund Balance | | | |
| Bank Balance | \$ 3,747,108 | \$ 196,805 | \$ 19,185 |
| Less: Outstanding Checks | (66,598) | (11,148) | (8,250) |
| Certificates of Deposit | | | |
| Fund Balance - Ending | <u>\$ 3,680,510</u> | <u>\$ 185,657</u> | <u>\$ 10,935</u> |

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

BRACKEN COUNTY
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES - REGULATORY BASIS
For The Year Ended June 30, 2017
(Continued)

| Budgeted Funds | | | | Unbudgeted Fund | |
|--|----------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|---|------------------------|
| Local Government Economic Assistance Fund | State Grants Fund | Senior Fund | Dispatch/911 Fund | Public Properties Corporation Fund | Total Funds |
| \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ 60,941 | \$ | \$ 1,945,310 |
| | | | | | 249 |
| | | | | | 95,208 |
| | | | | | 300 |
| 33,853 | | | 118,359 | 1,137,901 | 2,964,822 |
| | | | 6,750 | | 23,527 |
| | | 3,600 | | | 84,739 |
| | | 31 | 13 | | 11,781 |
| <u>33,853</u> | | <u>3,631</u> | <u>186,063</u> | <u>1,137,901</u> | <u>5,125,936</u> |
| | | 19,476 | | | 952,293 |
| | | | 167,187 | | 447,471 |
| | | | | | 138,574 |
| | | | | | 4,500 |
| | | | | | 42,289 |
| 11,000 | | | | | 1,342,397 |
| | | | | | 13,243 |
| | | | | 1,137,700 | 1,209,877 |
| | | | | | 174,984 |
| | | | 52,511 | | 877,610 |
| <u>11,000</u> | | <u>19,476</u> | <u>219,698</u> | <u>1,137,700</u> | <u>5,203,238</u> |
| <u>22,853</u> | | <u>(15,845)</u> | <u>(33,635)</u> | <u>201</u> | <u>(77,302)</u> |
| | | 8,000 | 35,000 | | 133,000 |
| | | | | | (133,000) |
| | | <u>8,000</u> | <u>35,000</u> | | |
| 22,853 | | (7,845) | 1,365 | 201 | (77,302) |
| 8,233 | | 35,111 | 14,629 | | 4,028,951 |
| <u>\$ 31,086</u> | <u>\$ 0</u> | <u>\$ 27,266</u> | <u>\$ 15,994</u> | <u>\$ 201</u> | <u>\$ 3,951,649</u> |
| \$ 31,086 | \$ | \$ 2,266 | \$ 22,695 | \$ 201 | \$ 4,019,346 |
| | | | (6,701) | | (92,697) |
| | | 25,000 | | | 25,000 |
| <u>\$ 31,086</u> | <u>\$ 0</u> | <u>\$ 27,266</u> | <u>\$ 15,994</u> | <u>\$ 201</u> | <u>\$ 3,951,649</u> |

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

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BRACKEN COUNTY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT

June 30, 2017

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Reporting Entity

The financial statement of Bracken County includes all budgeted and unbudgeted funds under the control of the Bracken 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 for Local Government.

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.

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.

BRACKEN COUNTY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT
June 30, 2017
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Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

C. Basis of Presentation (Continued)

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 Grants 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.

Senior Fund - The primary purpose of this fund is to account for rental receipts and maintenance expenses of the senior citizens building.

Dispatch/911 Fund - The primary purpose of this fund is to account for the dispatch expenses of the county. The primary source of receipts for this fund is the 911 telephone surcharge.

Unbudgeted Funds

The fiscal court reports the following unbudgeted fund:

Public Properties Corporation Fund - The primary purpose of this fund is to account for the financing and construction of major capital facilities. This fund handles financial activities associated with the Judicial Center construction. The Department for Local Government does not require the fiscal court to budget this 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 public properties corporation fund to be budgeted. Bond indentures and other relevant contractual provisions require specific payments to and from this fund annually.

BRACKEN COUNTY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT
June 30, 2017
(Continued)

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

E. Bracken County Elected Officials

Kentucky law provides for election of the officials below from the geographic area constituting Bracken 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 Bracken 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.

H. Tax Abatements

GASB Statement No. 77 - Tax Abatement Disclosures is effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2015.

The requirements of this Statement improve financial reporting by giving users of financial statements essential information that is not consistently or comprehensively reported to the public presently. Disclosure of information about the nature and magnitude of tax abatements will make these transactions more transparent to financial statement users. As a result, users will be better equipped to understand (1) how tax abatements affect a government's future ability to raise resources and meet its financial obligations and (2) the impact those abatements have on a government's financial position and economic condition.

BRACKEN COUNTY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT
June 30, 2017
(Continued)

Note 2. Deposits

The fiscal court 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 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.

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 KRS 66.480(1)(d) and KRS 41.240. As of June 30, 2017, 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 2017.

| | General Fund | Total Transfers In |
|---------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Jail Fund | \$ 90,000 | \$ 90,000 |
| Dispatch Fund | 35,000 | 35,000 |
| Senior Fund | 8,000 | 8,000 |
| Total Transfers Out | <u>\$ 133,000</u> | <u>\$ 133,000</u> |

Reason for transfers:

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

BRACKEN COUNTY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT
June 30, 2017
(Continued)

Note 4. Long-term Debt

A. First Mortgage Revenue Bonds, Series 2011 - Judicial Center

On August 2, 2011, the Public Properties Corporation issued first mortgage revenue bonds in the amount of \$15,960,000 to finance the construction of the Bracken County Judicial Center and to retire the 2009 bond anticipation notes. The bonds have interest rates from 2 percent to 5 percent with a retirement date of February 1, 2031. The principal balance as of June 30, 2017, was \$12,005,000. Future principal and interest payments are as follows:

| Fiscal Year Ending June 30 | Principal | Scheduled Interest |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 2018 | \$ 670,000 | \$ 467,900 |
| 2019 | 690,000 | 447,500 |
| 2020 | 715,000 | 426,425 |
| 2021 | 735,000 | 403,756 |
| 2022 | 760,000 | 378,513 |
| 2023-2027 | 4,285,000 | 1,410,981 |
| 2028-2031 | 4,150,000 | 411,750 |
| Totals | <u>\$ 12,005,000</u> | <u>\$ 3,946,825</u> |

B. Courthouse Addition and Wheel Loader

In August 2002, the Bracken County Fiscal Court entered into a 15 year lease agreement with the Kentucky Association of Counties Leasing Trust (KACoLT) to build an addition to the courthouse and to purchase a wheel loader. The lease was for \$969,000 at an interest rate of 4.59 percent. Principal payments are due annually in January and interest payments are made monthly. The principal balance was paid in full as scheduled.

C. Changes In Long-term Debt

Long-term Debt activity for the year ended June 30, 2017, was as follows:

| | Beginning Balance | Additions | Reductions | Ending Balance | Due Within One Year |
|----------------------|----------------------|-------------|-------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Financing Obligation | \$ 61,000 | \$ | \$ 61,000 | \$ | \$ |
| Revenue Bonds | 12,655,000 | | 650,000 | 12,005,000 | 670,000 |
| Total Long-term Debt | <u>\$ 12,716,000</u> | <u>\$ 0</u> | <u>\$ 711,000</u> | <u>\$ 12,005,000</u> | <u>\$ 670,000</u> |

BRACKEN COUNTY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT
June 30, 2017
(Continued)

Note 5. 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 2015 was \$233,496, FY 2016 was \$249,716, and FY 2017 was \$258,695

Nonhazardous

Nonhazardous covered employees are required to contribute five percent of their salary to the plan. Nonhazardous covered employees who begin participation on or after September 1, 2008, are required to contribute six percent of their salary to be allocated as follows: five percent will go to the member's account and one 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 five percent of their annual creditable compensation. Nonhazardous members also contribute one 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. 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 four 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 18.68 percent.

Hazardous

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

BRACKEN COUNTY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT
June 30, 2017
(Continued)

Note 5. Employee Retirement System (Continued)

Hazardous (Continued)

Members in the plan contribute a set percentage of their salary each month to their own accounts. Hazardous members contribute eight percent of their annual creditable compensation and also contribute one 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 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 seven and one-half 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 31.06 percent.

Health Insurance Coverage

CERS also 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:

| 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.

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.

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Note 5. Employee Retirement System (Continued)

KRS also issues a proportionate share audit report that includes the total pension liability for CERS determined by actuarial valuation as well as each participating county's proportionate share. The Schedules of Employer Allocations and Pension Amounts by Employer report 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.

Note 6. Deferred Compensation

The Bracken 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 101 Sea Hero Road, Suite 110, Frankfort, KY 40601-8862, or by telephone at (502) 573-7925.

Note 7. Health Reimbursement Account/Flexible Spending Account

The Bracken County Fiscal Court established a health reimbursement account 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 providing \$2,000 each year for a single plan or \$2,500 with a dependent to pay for qualified medical expenses. Employees may also contribute additional pre-tax funds through payroll deduction.

Note 8. Insurance

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017, the Bracken 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 9. Related Party Transactions

A magistrate owns a supply company. During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017, the Bracken County Fiscal Court spent \$763 with this company.

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Note 10. Tax Abatement

The county real property taxes were abated under the authority of the Bracken County Fiscal Court. The Clopay Plastics Products Company, Inc. is eligible to receive this tax abatement due to the company's intentions to invest in a new manufacturing line in Bracken County. The taxes are abated by Bracken County for the first five years of the Project. Clopay Plastics Products Company, Inc. is eligible to receive this tax abatement due to this program providing incentives to eligible businesses which remain in the Commonwealth under KRS 154.25-010 to KRS 154.25-050. The Bracken County Fiscal Court entered into a tax abatement agreement to abate county real property taxes for the first five years of the project. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017, the amount of taxes abated was \$21,560.

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BRACKEN COUNTY
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULES
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BRACKEN COUNTY
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULES
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| | GENERAL FUND | | | |
|--|---------------------|--------------------|--|---|
| | Budgeted Amounts | | Actual Amounts, (Budgetary Basis) | Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative) |
| | Original | Final | | |
| RECEIPTS | | | | |
| Taxes | \$ 1,736,000 | \$ 1,736,000 | \$ 1,884,369 | \$ 148,369 |
| In Lieu Tax Payments | 100 | 100 | 249 | 149 |
| Excess Fees | | | 95,208 | 95,208 |
| Licenses and Permits | | | 300 | 300 |
| Intergovernmental | 265,184 | 265,184 | 400,339 | 135,155 |
| Charges for Services | 2,000 | 2,000 | 1,193 | (807) |
| Miscellaneous | 21,400 | 21,400 | 20,760 | (640) |
| Interest | 8,100 | 8,100 | 11,017 | 2,917 |
| Total Receipts | <u>2,032,784</u> | <u>2,032,784</u> | <u>2,413,435</u> | <u>380,651</u> |
| DISBURSEMENTS | | | | |
| General Government | 1,020,321 | 1,061,563 | 932,817 | 128,746 |
| Protection to Persons and Property | 141,431 | 151,696 | 114,573 | 37,123 |
| General Health and Sanitation | 138,256 | 165,557 | 138,574 | 26,983 |
| Social Services | 5,000 | 5,000 | 4,500 | 500 |
| Recreation and Culture | 68,642 | 94,526 | 42,289 | 52,237 |
| Roads | 160,000 | 205,552 | 197,582 | 7,970 |
| Bus Services | 16,000 | 16,000 | 13,243 | 2,757 |
| Debt Service | 62,440 | 62,440 | 62,404 | 36 |
| Capital Projects | | 174,984 | 174,984 | |
| Administration | 3,902,735 | 3,577,507 | 633,055 | 2,944,452 |
| Total Disbursements | <u>5,514,825</u> | <u>5,514,825</u> | <u>2,314,021</u> | <u>3,200,804</u> |
| Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts Over Disbursements Before Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses) | <u>(3,482,041)</u> | <u>(3,482,041)</u> | <u>99,414</u> | <u>3,581,455</u> |
| Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses) | | | | |
| Transfers To Other Funds | <u>(404,465)</u> | <u>(404,465)</u> | <u>(133,000)</u> | <u>271,465</u> |
| Total Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses) | <u>(404,465)</u> | <u>(404,465)</u> | <u>(133,000)</u> | <u>271,465</u> |
| Net Change in Fund Balance | (3,886,506) | (3,886,506) | (33,586) | 3,852,920 |
| Fund Balance - Beginning | <u>3,886,506</u> | <u>3,886,506</u> | <u>3,714,096</u> | <u>(172,410)</u> |
| Fund Balance - Ending | <u>\$ 0</u> | <u>\$ 0</u> | <u>\$ 3,680,510</u> | <u>\$ 3,680,510</u> |

BRACKEN COUNTY
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| | ROAD FUND | | | |
|--|------------------|------------------|--|---|
| | Budgeted Amounts | | Actual Amounts, (Budgetary Basis) | Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative) |
| | Original | Final | | |
| RECEIPTS | | | | |
| Intergovernmental | \$ 1,374,447 | \$ 1,374,447 | \$ 1,196,792 | \$ (177,655) |
| Miscellaneous | 31,000 | 31,000 | 53,910 | 22,910 |
| Interest | 500 | 500 | 709 | 209 |
| Total Receipts | <u>1,405,947</u> | <u>1,405,947</u> | <u>1,251,411</u> | <u>(154,536)</u> |
| DISBURSEMENTS | | | | |
| Roads | 1,463,461 | 1,477,375 | 1,133,815 | 343,560 |
| Debt Service | 9,900 | 9,900 | 9,773 | 127 |
| Administration | 238,023 | 224,109 | 168,565 | 55,544 |
| Total Disbursements | <u>1,711,384</u> | <u>1,711,384</u> | <u>1,312,153</u> | <u>399,231</u> |
| Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts Over Disbursements Before Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses) | <u>(305,437)</u> | <u>(305,437)</u> | <u>(60,742)</u> | <u>244,695</u> |
| Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses) | | | | |
| Transfers From Other Funds | 88,537 | 88,537 | | (88,537) |
| Total Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses) | <u>88,537</u> | <u>88,537</u> | | <u>(88,537)</u> |
| Net Change in Fund Balance | (216,900) | (216,900) | (60,742) | 156,158 |
| Fund Balance - Beginning | <u>216,900</u> | <u>216,900</u> | <u>246,399</u> | <u>29,499</u> |
| Fund Balance - Ending | <u>\$ 0</u> | <u>\$ 0</u> | <u>\$ 185,657</u> | <u>\$ 185,657</u> |

BRACKEN COUNTY
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULES
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| | JAIL FUND | | | |
|--|------------------|------------------|--|---|
| | Budgeted Amounts | | Actual Amounts, (Budgetary Basis) | Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative) |
| | Original | Final | | |
| RECEIPTS | | | | |
| Intergovernmental | \$ 73,178 | \$ 73,178 | \$ 77,578 | \$ 4,400 |
| Charges for Services | 20,000 | 20,000 | 15,584 | (4,416) |
| Miscellaneous | | | 6,469 | 6,469 |
| Interest | 10 | 10 | 11 | 1 |
| Total Receipts | <u>93,188</u> | <u>93,188</u> | <u>99,642</u> | <u>6,454</u> |
| DISBURSEMENTS | | | | |
| Protection to Persons and Property | 264,250 | 271,361 | 165,711 | 105,650 |
| Administration | 44,918 | 37,807 | 23,479 | 14,328 |
| Total Disbursements | <u>309,168</u> | <u>309,168</u> | <u>189,190</u> | <u>119,978</u> |
| Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts Over Disbursements Before Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses) | <u>(215,980)</u> | <u>(215,980)</u> | <u>(89,548)</u> | <u>126,432</u> |
| Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses) | | | | |
| Transfers From Other Funds | 212,980 | 212,980 | 90,000 | (122,980) |
| Total Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses) | <u>212,980</u> | <u>212,980</u> | <u>90,000</u> | <u>(122,980)</u> |
| Net Change in Fund Balance | (3,000) | (3,000) | 452 | 3,452 |
| Fund Balance - Beginning | <u>3,000</u> | <u>3,000</u> | <u>10,483</u> | <u>7,483</u> |
| Fund Balance - Ending | <u>\$ 0</u> | <u>\$ 0</u> | <u>\$ 10,935</u> | <u>\$ 10,935</u> |

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE FUND

| | Budgeted Amounts | | Actual Amounts, (Budgetary Basis) | Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative) |
|----------------------------|------------------|-----------|--|---|
| | Original | Final | | |
| RECEIPTS | | | | |
| Intergovernmental | \$ 11,000 | \$ 11,000 | \$ 33,853 | \$ 22,853 |
| Total Receipts | 11,000 | 11,000 | 33,853 | 22,853 |
| DISBURSEMENTS | | | | |
| Roads | 11,000 | 11,000 | 11,000 | |
| Total Disbursements | 11,000 | 11,000 | 11,000 | |
| Net Change in Fund Balance | | | 22,853 | 22,853 |
| Fund Balance - Beginning | | | 8,233 | 8,233 |
| Fund Balance - Ending | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 31,086 | \$ 31,086 |

BRACKEN COUNTY
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULES
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| | STATE GRANTS FUND | | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------|--|---|
| | Budgeted Amounts | | Actual Amounts, (Budgetary Basis) | Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative) |
| | Original | Final | | |
| RECEIPTS | | | | |
| Intergovernmental | \$ 86,213 | \$ 86,213 | \$ | \$ (86,213) |
| Total Receipts | 86,213 | 86,213 | | (86,213) |
| DISBURSEMENTS | | | | |
| Protection to Persons and Property | 86,213 | 86,213 | | 86,213 |
| Total Disbursements | 86,213 | 86,213 | | 86,213 |
| Net Change in Fund Balance | | | | |
| Fund Balance - Beginning | | | | |
| Fund Balance - Ending | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 |

BRACKEN COUNTY
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULES
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(Continued)

| | SENIOR FUND | | | |
|--|--------------------|-----------------|--|---|
| | Budgeted Amounts | | Actual Amounts, (Budgetary Basis) | Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative) |
| | Original | Final | | |
| RECEIPTS | | | | |
| Miscellaneous | \$ 3,500 | \$ 3,500 | \$ 3,600 | \$ 100 |
| Interest | 32 | 32 | 31 | (1) |
| Total Receipts | <u>3,532</u> | <u>3,532</u> | <u>3,631</u> | <u>99</u> |
| DISBURSEMENTS | | | | |
| General Government | 23,500 | 24,346 | 19,476 | 4,870 |
| Administration | 16,284 | 15,438 | | 15,438 |
| Total Disbursements | <u>39,784</u> | <u>39,784</u> | <u>19,476</u> | <u>20,308</u> |
| Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts Over Disbursements Before Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses) | <u>(36,252)</u> | <u>(36,252)</u> | <u>(15,845)</u> | <u>20,407</u> |
| Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses) | | | | |
| Transfers From Other Funds | | | 8,000 | 8,000 |
| Total Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses) | | | <u>8,000</u> | <u>8,000</u> |
| Net Change in Fund Balance | (36,252) | (36,252) | (7,845) | 28,407 |
| Fund Balance - Beginning | <u>36,252</u> | <u>36,252</u> | <u>35,111</u> | <u>(1,141)</u> |
| Fund Balance - Ending | <u>\$ 0</u> | <u>\$ 0</u> | <u>\$ 27,266</u> | <u>\$ 27,266</u> |

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BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULES
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| | DISPATCH/911 FUND | | | |
|--|--------------------------|------------------|--|---|
| | Budgeted Amounts | | Actual Amounts, (Budgetary Basis) | Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative) |
| | Original | Final | | |
| RECEIPTS | | | | |
| Taxes | \$ 67,000 | \$ 67,000 | \$ 60,941 | \$ (6,059) |
| Intergovernmental | 98,238 | 98,238 | 118,359 | 20,121 |
| Charges for Services | 17,700 | 17,700 | 6,750 | (10,950) |
| Interest | 10 | 10 | 13 | 3 |
| Total Receipts | <u>182,948</u> | <u>182,948</u> | <u>186,063</u> | <u>3,115</u> |
| DISBURSEMENTS | | | | |
| Protection to Persons and Property | 236,553 | 241,303 | 167,187 | 74,116 |
| Administration | 67,451 | 62,701 | 52,511 | 10,190 |
| Total Disbursements | <u>304,004</u> | <u>304,004</u> | <u>219,698</u> | <u>84,306</u> |
| Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts Over Disbursements Before Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses) | <u>(121,056)</u> | <u>(121,056)</u> | <u>(33,635)</u> | <u>87,421</u> |
| Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses) | | | | |
| Transfers From Other Funds | <u>102,948</u> | <u>102,948</u> | <u>35,000</u> | <u>(67,948)</u> |
| Total Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses) | <u>102,948</u> | <u>102,948</u> | <u>35,000</u> | <u>(67,948)</u> |
| Net Change in Fund Balance | (18,108) | (18,108) | 1,365 | 19,473 |
| Fund Balance - Beginning | <u>18,108</u> | <u>18,108</u> | <u>14,629</u> | <u>(3,479)</u> |
| Fund Balance - Ending | <u>\$ 0</u> | <u>\$ 0</u> | <u>\$ 15,994</u> | <u>\$ 15,994</u> |

BRACKEN COUNTY
NOTES TO REGULATORY SUPPLEMENTARY
INFORMATION - BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULES

June 30, 2017

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.

BRACKEN COUNTY
SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL ASSETS
Supplementary Information - Regulatory Basis

For The Year Ended June 30, 2017

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BRACKEN COUNTY
SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL ASSETS
Supplementary Information - Regulatory Basis

For The Year Ended June 30, 2017

The fiscal court reports the following Schedule of Capital Assets:

| | Beginning Balance | Additions | Deletions | Ending Balance |
|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| Land and Land Improvements | \$ 794,138 | \$ 186,110 | \$ | \$ 980,248 |
| Buildings | 16,631,179 | 10,372 | | 16,641,551 |
| Vehicles | 840,133 | 120,903 | | 961,036 |
| Equipment | 1,562,700 | 142,498 | | 1,705,198 |
| Infrastructure | 5,767,404 | 474,804 | | 6,242,208 |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| Total Capital Assets | <u>\$ 25,595,554</u> | <u>\$ 934,687</u> | <u>\$ 0</u> | <u>\$ 26,530,241</u> |

BRACKEN COUNTY
NOTES TO REGULATORY SUPPLEMENTARY
INFORMATION - SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL ASSETS

June 30, 2017

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 (Years) |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| Land Improvements | \$ 12,500 | 10 - 60 |
| Buildings and Building Improvements | \$ 25,000 | 10 - 75 |
| Equipment | \$ 2,500 | 3 - 25 |
| Vehicles | \$ 2,500 | 6 - 10 |
| Infrastructure | \$ 20,000 | 10 - 50 |
| Intangibles | \$ 2,500 | 2 - 40 |

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

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MIKE HARMON
AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

The Honorable Earl Bush, Former Bracken County Judge/Executive
The Honorable Tina K. Teegarden, Bracken County Judge/Executive
Members of the Bracken 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 Bracken County Fiscal Court for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statement which collectively comprise the Bracken County Fiscal Court's financial statement and have issued our report thereon dated September 21, 2018.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statement, we considered the Bracken County Fiscal Court's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine 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 Bracken County Fiscal Court's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Bracken County Fiscal Court's internal control.

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 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. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.



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 Bracken 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 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike H", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Mike Harmon
Auditor of Public Accounts

September 21, 2018

**CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE -
LOCAL GOVERNMENT ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

BRACKEN COUNTY FISCAL COURT

For The Year Ended June 30, 2017

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CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE
LOCAL GOVERNMENT ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE
BRACKEN COUNTY FISCAL COURT

For The Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017

The Bracken 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