

**REPORT OF THE AUDIT OF THE
BULLITT COUNTY
SHERIFF**

**For The Year Ended
December 31, 2024**



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Independent Auditor's Report

The Honorable Jerry Summers, Bullitt County Judge/Executive
The Honorable Walt Sholar, Bullitt County Sheriff
Members of the Bullitt County Fiscal Court

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying Statement of Receipts and Disbursements - Regulatory Basis of the Sheriff of Bullitt County, Kentucky, and the Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Fund Balances of the Sheriff's Operating Fund and County Fund with the State Treasurer - Regulatory Basis for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Unmodified Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the receipts and disbursements of the Bullitt County Sheriff and the receipts, disbursements, and fund balances of the Bullitt County Sheriff's operating fund and county fund with the state treasurer for the year ended December 31, 2024, in accordance with the basis of accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Commonwealth of Kentucky to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting and budget laws as described in Note 1.

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 Opinions on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles section of our report, the financial statements referred to above do not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Bullitt County Sheriff, as of December 31, 2024, or changes in financial position or cash flows thereof for the year then ended.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS), the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* (GAS), issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the *Audit Program for County Fee Officials* issued by the Auditor of Public Accounts, Commonwealth of Kentucky. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statement section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Bullitt County Sheriff and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.



The Honorable Jerry Summers, Bullitt County Judge/Executive
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Basis for Opinion (Continued)

Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

As described in Note 1 of the financial statements, the financial statements are prepared by the Bullitt County Sheriff on the basis of the accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the laws of Kentucky, 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 statements 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 and pervasive.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements 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 and budget laws. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statement, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Bullitt County Sheriff's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statement

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 Bullitt County Sheriff's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Bullitt County Sheriff's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

The Honorable Jerry Summers, Bullitt County Judge/Executive
The Honorable Walt Sholar, Bullitt County Sheriff
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Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statement (Continued)

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we have identified during the audit.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated February 19, 2026, on our consideration of the Bullitt County Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely 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 effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Bullitt County Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Respectfully submitted,



Allison Ball
Auditor of Public Accounts
Frankfort, KY

February 19, 2026

BULLITT COUNTY
WALT SHOLAR, SHERIFF
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS - REGULATORY BASIS

For The Year Ended December 31, 2024

Receipts

State Grants		\$ 14,784
State - Kentucky Law Enforcement Foundation Program Fund (KLEFPF)		229,657
State Fees for Services:		
Finance and Administration Cabinet	\$ 11,364	
Sheriff Security Service	323,966	
Cabinet For Health And Family Services	<u>33,194</u>	368,524
Fiscal Court		
E911 Salaries and Benefits Reimbursement	1,593,376	
Salary Benefits Reimbursement	1,988,870	
DARE	32,024	
Fiscal Court Salary Support	1,567,405	
Transport Prisoners	120,000	
Election Commission Fees	<u>810</u>	5,302,485
County Clerk - Delinquent Taxes		155,611
Commission on Taxes		1,972,991
Commission on School Taxes Collected		1,751,327
Fees Collected for Services:		
Auto Inspections	72,425	
Accident /Police Reports	5,410	
Serving Papers	191,072	
Carry Concealed Deadly Weapon Permits	21,420	
Carry Concealed Deadly Weapon Photos	2,760	
Transport Prisoners	16,669	
School Resource Officer	<u>128,475</u>	438,231
Other:		
Add-On Fees	114,927	
Miscellaneous	53,510	
Tow Lot Fees	105,954	
Tow Bill Reimbursement	84,117	
Building/Property Renovations	74,572	
Gov Deals	<u>175,465</u>	608,545
Interest Earned		<u>9,012</u>
Total Receipts		10,851,167

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

BULLITT COUNTY
WALT SHOLAR, SHERIFF
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS - REGULATORY BASIS
For The Year Ended December 31, 2024
(Continued)

Net Receipts		\$ 10,851,167
Payments to State Treasurer:		
75% Operating Fund *	\$ 10,206,004	
25% County Fund	<u>645,163</u>	<u>10,851,167</u>
Balance Due at Completion of Audit		<u><u>\$ 0</u></u>

* Includes reimbursed expenses in the amount of \$8,270,513 for the audit period.
See Note 1 of Notes to Financial Statements.

BULLITT COUNTY
WALT SHOLAR, SHERIFF
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND
FUND BALANCES OF THE SHERIFF'S OPERATING FUND
AND COUNTY FUND WITH THE STATE TREASURER - REGULATORY BASIS

For The Year Ended December 31, 2024

	75% Operating Fund	25% County Fund	Totals
Fund Balance - January 1, 2024	\$ 36,331	\$	\$ 36,331
<u>Receipts</u>			
Fees Paid to State - Operating Funds (75%)	10,206,004		10,206,004
Fees Paid to State - County Funds (25%)		645,163	645,163
Total Funds Available	<u>10,242,335</u>	<u>645,163</u>	<u>10,887,498</u>
<u>Disbursements</u>			
Bullitt County Fiscal Court		645,163	645,163
Personal Services-			
Official's Statutory Maximum	138,990		138,990
Official's Training Incentive	5,153		5,153
Deputies' Salaries	5,047,844		5,047,844
Overtime Gross	321,485		321,485
Employee Benefits-			
Employer's Share Social Security	410,681		410,681
Employer's Share Retirement	1,379,512		1,379,512
Employer's Share Health Insurance	738,076		738,076
Other Payroll Disbursements	1,178		1,178
Contracted Services-			
Advertising	4,327		4,327
Maintenance Agreements	23,177		23,177
Supplies and Materials-			
Office Supplies	30,892		30,892
Uniforms	40,121		40,121
Patrol Equipment	177,908		177,908
Office Equipment	103,164		103,164

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

BULLITT COUNTY
WALT SHOLAR, SHERIFF
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND
FUND BALANCES OF THE SHERIFF'S OPERATING FUND
AND COUNTY FUND WITH THE STATE TREASURER - REGULATORY BASIS
For The Year Ended December 31, 2024
(Continued)

	75%	25%	
	Operating	County	
	Fund	Fund	Totals
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
<u>Disbursements (Continued)</u>			
Other Charges-			
Bond Fees	\$ 5,801	\$	\$ 5,801
Insurance - Property	5,799		5,799
Miscellaneous	33,511		33,511
Supplies	44,447		44,447
Telephone/Fax/Cellular	64,441		64,441
Training	16,063		16,063
Transport	108,769		108,769
Tow Lot	17,887		17,887
CID	15,785		15,785
SOF Operation	51,658		51,658
School	74,347		74,347
Auto Expenses-			
Gasoline	169,123		169,123
Maintenance and Repairs	93,626		93,626
Capital Outlay-			
Vehicles	<u>319,697</u>		<u>319,697</u>
Total Disbursements	<u>9,443,462</u>	<u>645,163</u>	<u>10,088,625</u>
Fund Balance - December 31, 2024	<u>\$ 798,873</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 798,873</u>

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

BULLITT COUNTY
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2024

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Basis of Accounting

The financial statement has been prepared on a regulatory basis of accounting, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Authority for the regulatory basis is found in Kentucky Revised Statutes (KRS).

The Department for Local Government (DLG) is the regulatory agency responsible for establishing minimum accounting requirements for local government entities. The commissioner of the DLG is designated as the state local finance officer. (KRS 68.001). The DLG must prescribe and maintain “a uniform system of accounting and reporting on the receipt, use and handling of all public funds, other than taxes, due and payable to the state” from local government entities. (KRS 46.010(1)). The state local finance officer supervises the administration of the county uniform budget system and accounts and financial operations and must prescribe a “uniform system of accounts for all counties and county officials.” (KRS 68.210). Under this authority, the DLG requires local governments to follow guidelines set forth in its *County Budget Preparation and State Local Finance Officer Policy Manual* (Manual) to meet the minimum required reporting for financial statement purposes.

The regulatory basis is outlined in the Manual and defines the measurement, presentation, disclosure, and recognition requirements for financial transactions when preparing regulatory basis financial statements. This regulatory basis Manual includes the standardized format to follow for quarterly reporting to DLG.

Under this regulatory basis of accounting, receipts and disbursements are generally recognized when cash is received or disbursed, with the exception of accrual of the following items (not all-inclusive), at December 31:

- Interest receivable
- Collection on accounts due from others for 2024 services
- Reimbursements for 2024 activities
- Payments due to other governmental entities for December tax and fee collections
- Payroll expenditures incurred but not paid
- Payments due to vendors for goods or services provided in 2024

B. Measurement Focus and Excess Fees

A fee official in a county with a population over 70,000 has two funds with the state treasurer for the deposit of fees collected. (KRS 64.350). Seventy-five percent (75%) of the fees collected are deposited in the sheriff’s operating fund and used for his or her office expenses. (KRS 64.350.) The remaining twenty-five percent (25%) of fees collected are deposited to the county fiscal court fund and paid to the fiscal courts, urban-county governments, or consolidated local governments of the respective counties quarterly, no later than April 15, July 15, October 15, and January 15. (KRS 64.350). These funds are closed at the end of each official term by paying the balances to the respective county government. (KRS 64.350).

Also, fee official office revenues could be considered reimbursed expenses. All reimbursed expenses are treated as revenue in the 75 percent fund.

The fiscal court shall collect any amount due from the sheriff as determined by the audit. (KRS 64.820).

An outgoing sheriff is to make a final settlement with the fiscal court by March 15 immediately following the expiration of his or her term of office. (KRS 64.830).

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
December 31, 2024
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Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

C. Fund Accounting

A fee official uses a fund to report on the results of operations. 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.

A fee official uses a fund for fees to account for activities for which the government desires periodic determination of the excess of receipts over disbursements to facilitate management control, accountability, and compliance with laws.

D. Cash and Investments

KRS 66.480 authorizes the sheriff's office 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).

Note 2. Employee Retirement System and Other Post-Employment Benefits

The sheriff's office has elected to participate, pursuant to KRS 78.530, in the County Employees Retirement System (CERS), which has been governed by the CERS nine-member board of trustees since April 1, 2021. The Kentucky Public Pensions Authority (KPPA) was created by KRS 61.505, effective April 1, 2021, to provide staffing and daily administrative needs for CERS and Kentucky Retirement Systems. CERS 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, vesting requirements, and provisions are established by statute and are determined by participation date and hazardous or non-hazardous participation.

The sheriff's contribution for calendar year 2022 was \$1,265,685, calendar year 2023 was \$1,161,982, and calendar year 2024 was \$1,379,512.

The county's contribution rate for nonhazardous employees for calendar year 2024 was 23.34% for the first six months and 19.71% for the last six months. The county's contribution rate for hazardous employees was 43.69 percent for the first six months and 38.61 percent for the last six months.

Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB)

CERS provides post-retirement health care, cost of living adjustments for all recipients of retirement benefits, and a retired member's death benefit, all determined by participation date and hazardous or non-hazardous participation.

Specific details about retiree pension and OPEB benefits can be found online at: <https://www.kyret.ky.gov/Publications>.

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Note 2. Employee Retirement System and Other Post-Employment Benefits (Continued)

Kentucky Public Pension Authority's Annual Financial Report and Proportionate Share Audit Report

KPPA issues a publicly available annual financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information on CERS. Many of these annual reports are available online at <https://kyret.ky.gov>. Reports may also be obtained by writing the KPPA, 1260 Louisville Road, Frankfort, KY 40601-6124, or by telephone at (502) 564-4646.

KPPA also issues proportionate share audit reports for both total pension liability and other post-employment benefits for CERS determined by actuarial valuation as well as each participating county's proportionate share. Both the Schedules of Employer Allocations and Pension Amounts by Employer and the Schedules of Employer Allocations and OPEB Amounts by Employer reports 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 3. Deposits

The Bullitt County Sheriff maintained deposits of public funds with federally insured banking institutions as required by the Manual. The Manual strongly recommends perfected pledges of securities covering all public funds except direct federal obligations and funds protected by federal insurance. In order to be perfected 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. These requirements were met.

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 Bullitt County Sheriff does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk, but rather follows the requirements of the Manual. As of December 31, 2024, all deposits were covered by a properly executed collateral security agreement.

Note 4. Highway Safety Grant

The Bullitt County Sheriff's Office was awarded a federal grant passed through from the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's Office of Highway Safety in the amount of \$14,784. The funds are awarded to sub-grantees to reduce crashes, injuries, fatalities, and associated cost by identifying transportation safety issues and developing and implementing effective integrated programs and activities. The funds received were used for their intended purpose.

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 NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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Note 5. Commitments: - Lease Agreements and Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements (SBITA)

The Bullitt County Sheriff's Office was committed to the following lease agreements and SBITAs as of December 31, 2024:

Description	Effective Date	Length of Term	Frequency of Payments	Ending Date	Amount of Payments	Balance December 31, 2024
Leases:						
Postage	7/10/2020	5 years	Quarterly	7/10/2025	\$ 236	\$ 394
Hardware	11/1/2024	12 Months	Monthly	11/1/2025	\$ 4,774	\$ 43,119
SBITAs:						
Software	6/27/2024	5 Years	Monthly	6/27/2029	\$ 2,000	\$ 108,000
Software Interface	10/1/2024	12 Months	Monthly	10/1/2025	\$ 250	\$ 2,250

Note 6. Imprest Cash Account

The Finance & Administration – County Fee Systems Branch authorized the Bullitt County Sheriff to administer an Imprest Cash Fund in the amount of \$2,000. This fund is to be used for expenses, such as postage and other necessary expenses \$1,000 or less that needs to be paid in less than 10 days, except travel and payroll expenses.

Note 7. DARE Account

The sheriff's office maintains an account for the deposit of donations to be used for Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) activities. The balance was \$10,620 on January 1, 2024. During the audit period, receipts totaled \$7,295 and disbursements were \$3,118. The ending balance was \$14,797 as of December 31, 2024.

Note 8. State Drug Confiscated Property Account

The sheriff's office maintains an account for the deposit and disbursement of funds received as a result of property confiscated during drug-related law enforcement activities. These funds are to be expended for law enforcement purposes. The balance on January 1, 2024, was \$242,486. During the audit period, receipts totaled \$3,122 and disbursements were \$25,294. The ending balance was \$220,314 as of December 31, 2024.

Note 9. Federal Asset Forfeiture Account

The sheriff's office maintains an account for the deposit and disbursement of funds received as a result of cash confiscated during federal drug-related law enforcement activities. The balance was \$338,672 on January 1, 2024. During the year receipts totaled \$854 and there were no disbursements. The ending balance was \$339,526 as of December 31, 2024.

Note 10. High Intensity Drug Enforcement Unit Account (HIDE)

The sheriff's office maintains a custodial bank account for the deposit and disbursement of funds associated with the seizure of funds held until the court system issues orders on disposition of the funds. The balance was \$346,920 on January 1, 2024. Receipts totaled \$875 and there were no disbursements. The account balance was \$347,795 as of December 31, 2024.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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Note 11. Donation Account

The sheriff's office maintains an account for donations. The balance was \$1,154 on January 1, 2024, which represents the amount that is to be used for employee of the month awards. During the year, \$3 was received and \$981 was disbursed for employee of the month awards. The account balance was \$176 as of December 31, 2024.

Note 12. Credit Card Account

The sheriff's office maintains an account for tax, fee, and tow lot credit card payments. The balance was \$181,734 on January 1, 2024. During the audit period, receipts totaled \$1,998,051 and there were disbursements of \$1,923,610. The ending balance was \$256,175 as of December 31, 2024.

Note 13. Contingencies

The sheriff is involved in multiple lawsuits, which could negatively impact the financial position of the sheriff's office. Due to the uncertainty of the litigation, a reasonable estimate of the financial impact on the sheriff's office cannot be made at this time.

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

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AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Report On Internal Control Over Financial Reporting And
On Compliance And Other Matters Based On An Audit Of The Financial
Statements Performed In Accordance With *Government Auditing Standards*

Independent Auditor's Report

The Honorable Jerry Summers, Bullitt County Judge/Executive
The Honorable Walt Sholar, Bullitt County Sheriff
Members of the Bullitt County Fiscal Court

We have audited, 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 Program for County Fee Officials* issued by the Auditor of Public Accounts, Commonwealth of Kentucky, the Statement of Receipts and Disbursements - Regulatory Basis of the Sheriff of Bullitt County, Kentucky, the Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Fund Balances of the Sheriff's Operating Fund and County Fund with the State Treasurer - Regulatory Basis for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated February 19, 2026. The Bullitt County Sheriff's financial statements are prepared on a regulatory basis of accounting, which demonstrates 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.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Bullitt County Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Bullitt County Sheriff's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Bullitt County Sheriff'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 statements 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 was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control 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*
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Report on Compliance And Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Bullitt County Sheriff's financial statements are 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 financial statement. 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,



Allison Ball
Auditor of Public Accounts
Frankfort, KY

February 19, 2026