

**REPORT OF THE AUDIT OF THE
MADISON COUNTY
CLERK**

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



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Independent Auditor's Report

The Honorable Reagan Taylor, Madison County Judge/Executive
The Honorable Kenny Barger, Madison County Clerk
Members of the Madison 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 County Clerk of Madison County, Kentucky, and the Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Fund Balances of the County Clerk'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 Madison County Clerk and the receipts, disbursements, and fund balances of the Madison County Clerk'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 Madison County Clerk, 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 Madison County Clerk 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.



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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 Madison County Clerk 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 the financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Madison County Clerk'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 and GAS 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 and GAS, 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 Madison County Clerk'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 Madison County Clerk's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

The Honorable Reagan Taylor, Madison County Judge/Executive
The Honorable Kenny Barger, Madison County Clerk
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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 August 20, 2025, on our consideration of the Madison County Clerk'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. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Madison County Clerk's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Respectfully submitted,



Allison Ball
Auditor of Public Accounts
Frankfort, KY

August 20, 2025

MADISON COUNTY
 KENNY BARGER, COUNTY CLERK
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS - REGULATORY BASIS

For The Year Ended December 31, 2024

Receipts

State Grants	\$ 9,760
State Fees For Services	37,887
Fiscal Court	15,140

Licenses and Taxes:

Motor Vehicle-

Licenses and Transfers	\$ 3,141,303
Usage Tax	18,714,860
Tangible Personal Property Tax	12,906,982
Notary Fees	15,041
Lein Release Fees	58,176

Other-

Marriage Licenses	29,480
Occupational Licenses	20
Deed Transfer Tax	727,382
Delinquent Taxes	524,524
Delinquent Tax Deposits	1,316,557
	37,434,325

Fees Collected for Services:

Recordings-

Deeds, Easements and Contracts	108,554
Real Estate Mortgages	280,752
Chattel Mortgages and Financing Statements	230,375
Powers of Attorney	9,219
Affordable Housing Trust	84,576
Releases	119,183
Storage Fees	150,610
All Other Recordings	77,643

Charges for Other Services-

Candidate Filing Fees	1,080
Copywork	4,246
Postage	22,245
Passport Photos	11,640
Passport	26,215
Sheriff Inspection	440
Miscellaneous Income	21,189
Refunds/Overpayments	1,159,204
	2,307,171

Total Receipts	39,804,283
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

MADISON COUNTY
 KENNY BARGER, COUNTY CLERK
 STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS - REGULATORY BASIS
 For The Year Ended December 31, 2024
 (Continued)

Disbursements

Payments to State:

Motor Vehicle-

Licenses and Transfers \$ 2,220,353

Usage Tax 18,106,265

Tangible Personal Property Tax 4,465,393

Licenses, Taxes, and Fees-

Delinquent Tax 152,726

Legal Process Tax 79,484

Affordable Housing Trust 84,576 \$ 25,108,797

Payments to Fiscal Court:

Tangible Personal Property Tax 869,994

Delinquent Tax 98,713

Deed Transfer Tax 691,012

Storage Fees 150,610 1,810,329

Payments to Other Districts:

Tangible Personal Property Tax 7,055,317

Delinquent Tax 1,040,072 8,095,389

Payments to Sheriff

Delinquent Taxes 147,041

Sheriff Inspections 440 147,481

Payments to County Attorney

258,508

Other Regulatory Payments:

Delinquent Tax Deposit Refunds 1,102,162

Other Refunds 57,364

Usage Tax Refund 47,149

Delinquent Tax Refund 3,880 1,210,555

Other Disbursements:

Miscellaneous 2,492

Total Disbursements

\$ 36,633,551

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

MADISON COUNTY
KENNY BARGER, COUNTY CLERK
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS - REGULATORY BASIS
For The Year Ended December 31, 2024
(Continued)

Net Receipts		\$ 3,170,732
Payments to State Treasurer:		
75% Operating Fund *	\$ 2,407,651	
25% County Fund	<u>763,081</u>	<u>3,170,732</u>
Balance Due at Completion of Audit		<u>\$ 0</u>

- * Includes reimbursed expenses in the amount of \$118,407 for the audit period.
See Note 1 of Notes to Financial Statements.

MADISON COUNTY
 KENNY BARGER, COUNTY CLERK
 STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND
 FUND BALANCES OF THE COUNTY CLERK'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	\$ 387,072	\$ 164,197	\$ 551,269
<u>Receipts</u>			
Fees Paid to State - Operating Funds (75%)	2,407,651		2,407,651
Fees Paid to State - County Funds (25%)		763,081	763,081
Total Funds Available	2,794,723	927,278	3,722,001

Disbursements

Madison County Fiscal Court		924,323	924,323
Personnel Services-			
Official's Statutory Maximum	146,909		146,909
Official's Expense Allowance	3,600		3,600
Official's Training Incentive	5,153		5,153
Deputies' Salaries	1,058,256		1,058,256
Employee Benefits-			
Employer's Share Social Security	88,976		88,976
Employer's Share Retirement	260,521		260,521
Employer's Share Health Insurance	138,550		138,550
Workers' Compensation	840		840
Contracted Services-			
Lease/Maintenance	4,397		4,397
Consulting	24,110		24,110
IT Support & Licenses	7,197		7,197
Marketing/Advertising	13,767		13,767

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

MADISON COUNTY
 KENNY BARGER, COUNTY CLERK
 STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND
 FUND BALANCES OF THE COUNTY CLERK'S OPERATING FUND
 AND COUNTY FUND WITH THE STATE TREASURER - REGULATORY BASIS
 For The Year Ended December 31, 2024
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	75% Operating Fund	25% County Fund	Totals
<u>Disbursements (Continued)</u>			
Supplies and Materials-			
Office Supplies	\$ 29,672	\$	\$ 29,672
Office Equipment	13,197		13,197
Other Charges-			
Insurance & Bonds	1,248		1,248
Dues, Memberships & Mileage	5,315		5,315
Postage	53,217		53,217
HB 1 Recorded Instruments Grant	9,760		9,760
Total Disbursements	<u>1,864,685</u>	<u>924,323</u>	<u>2,789,008</u>
Fund Balance - December 31, 2024	<u>\$ 930,038</u>	<u>\$ 2,955</u>	<u>\$ 932,993</u>

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

MADISON 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. The Manual includes the standardized format 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 county clerk’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.

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 county clerk as determined by the audit. (KRS 64.820).

An outgoing clerk must 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 county clerk'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 clerk'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 county clerk's contribution for calendar year 2022 was \$276,844, calendar year 2023 was \$285,844, and calendar year 2024 was \$260,521. 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.

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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December 31, 2024
(Continued)

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 Madison County Clerk 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 county clerk 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 county clerk's deposits may not be returned. The Madison County Clerk 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. Grant

The Madison County Clerk's Office received an e-recording grant from the Kentucky Department for Local Government in the amount of \$257,169. Funds totaling \$9,760 were expended during the year. The unexpended grant balance was \$247,409, as of December 31, 2024.

Note 5. Commitments: - Lease Agreement

The Madison County Clerk's Office was committed to the following lease agreement as of December 31, 2024:

Description	Effective Date	Length of Term	Frequency of Payments	Ending Date	Amount of Payments	Balance December 31, 2024
Lease:						
Software Management License	8/28/2024	3 years	Monthly	8/1/2027	\$ 2,800	\$ 99,400

MADISON COUNTY
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Note 6. Imprest Cash Account

The Finance & Administration – County Fee Systems Branch authorized the Madison County Clerk 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 need to be paid in less than a 10-day turn around, except travel and payroll expenses.

Note 7. Other Accounts

A. E-Recording Account

The Madison County Clerk maintains an e-recording account for the purpose of depositing and expending money related to record filings processed by the office's recordings department. On January 1, 2024, the account had a balance of \$17,916, total receipts of \$475,079 were received and total disbursements of \$447,272 were expended during the year. As of December 31, 2024, the account had a balance of \$45,723.

B. State Web Renewals

The Madison County Clerk maintains a state web renewals account for the purpose of depositing and expending money related to online renewals, KYELT, and ACH deposits processed by the office. On January 1, 2024, the account had a balance of \$22,713, total receipts of \$2,085,056 were received and total disbursements of \$2,095,734 were expended during the year. As of December 31, 2024, the account had a balance of \$12,035.

C. Motor Vehicle License and Advalorem

The Madison County Clerk maintains a motor vehicle license and advalorem account for the purpose of depositing and expending money related to motor vehicle licensing and tangible personal property activity processed by the office. On January 1, 2024, the account had a balance of \$28,486, total receipts of \$6,783,208 were received and total disbursements of \$6,784,050 were expended during the year. As of December 31, 2024, the account had a balance of \$27,644.

D. Mechanics Lien Bond Account

The Madison County Clerk maintains a mechanics lien bond account for the purpose of holding funds related to a mechanics lien until a judgement is made regarding disbursement. On January 1, 2024, the account had a balance of \$64,641, there were no receipts or disbursements during the year. As of December 31, 2024, the account had a balance of \$64,641.

E. House Bill 1 Grant Account

The Madison County Clerk maintains an HB1 grant account to account for the recorded instruments grant received in 2024. On January 1, 2024, the account had a balance of \$0, total receipts of \$257,169 were received and total disbursements of \$9,760 were expended during the year. As of December 31, 2024, the account had a balance of \$247,409.

F. Usage Account

The Madison County Clerk maintains a usage account for the purpose of depositing and expending money related to daily usage tax transactions processed by the office. On January 1, 2024, the account had a balance of \$130,587, total receipts of \$18,036,737 were received and total disbursements of \$18,167,324 were expended during the year. As of December 31, 2024, the account had a zero balance.

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 Reagan Taylor, Madison County Judge/Executive
The Honorable Kenny Barger, Madison County Clerk
Members of the Madison 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 County Clerk of Madison County, Kentucky, the Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Fund Balances of the County Clerk'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 August 20, 2025. The Madison County Clerk'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 Madison County Clerk'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 Madison County Clerk's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Madison County Clerk'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 Madison County Clerk's financial statements are free from 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 statements. 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

August 20, 2025