



**Auditor of
Public Accounts
Allison Ball**

Monroe County Fiscal Court

Audit

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

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

Finding: Lacks proper controls over disbursements.

The Monroe County Fiscal Court had internal control deficiencies and noncompliance regarding disbursements. Auditors tested 54 regular disbursements and 7 credit card transactions with the following issues noted:

- Five disbursements totaling \$365,369 to two vendors were not properly advertised for bid.
- One disbursement in the amount of \$8,920 was paid to a vendor for work performed outside the scope of the approved bid contract.
- Four disbursements totaling \$207,013 were not presented to the fiscal court for approval prior to payment.
- Three disbursements totaling \$200,173 did not have a purchase order issued.
- Two disbursements totaling \$154,000 had purchase orders dated after the invoice date.
- One purchase order did not include an authorized amount.
- One disbursement of \$706 exceeded the available line-item budget.
- Three credit card transactions incurred sales tax totaling \$48.

Recommendations

We recommend the fiscal court improve procedures over disbursements to ensure the proper handling of disbursements. We also recommend the fiscal court ensure all invoices are properly reviewed to ensure the disbursement is allowable and recorded properly, bid requirements are followed, and approval for all claims is documented before any check is written.

County Officials Response

County Judge/Executive’s Response: The official did not provide a response.

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

