



**Auditor of
Public Accounts
Allison Ball**

Nelson County Sheriff's Fee Account Audit

FRANKFORT, Ky. – State Auditor Allison Ball released the audit of the 2024 financial statement of Nelson County Sheriff Ramon Pineiroa. State law requires the auditor to annually audit the accounts of each county sheriff. In compliance with this law, the auditor issues two sheriff's reports each year: one reporting on the audit of the sheriff's tax account, and the other reporting on the audit of the fee account used to operate the office.

Auditing standards require the auditor's letter to communicate whether the financial statement presents fairly the receipts, disbursements, and excess fees of the Nelson County Sheriff in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The sheriff's financial statement did not follow this format. However, the sheriff'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 all 120 sheriff audits in Kentucky.

Finding: Overspent budgeted disbursements.

The Nelson County Sheriff overspent his budgeted expenditures for calendar year 2024. The sheriff's budgeted operating expenditures totaled \$2,422,000 and actual operating expenditures totaled \$2,627,518 causing the budget to be overspent by \$205,518.

Recommendations

We recommend the Nelson County Sheriff monitor the budget throughout the year and request budget amendments as necessary from fiscal court, before year end.

County Officials Response

Sheriff's Response: The sheriff did not provide a response.

The sheriff's responsibilities include collecting property taxes, providing law enforcement, and performing services for the county fiscal court and courts of justice. The sheriff's office is funded through statutory commissions and fees collected in conjunction with these duties.

The audit report can be found on the [auditor's website](https://www.auditor.ky.gov).

