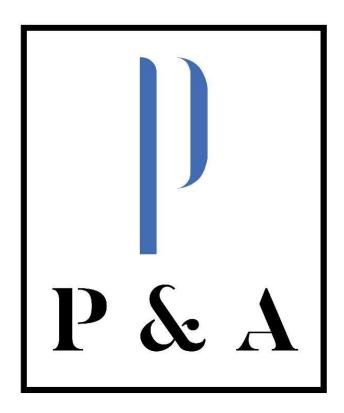
REPORT OF THE AUDIT OF THE WEBSTER COUNTY FISCAL COURT

For The Year Ended June 30, 2021

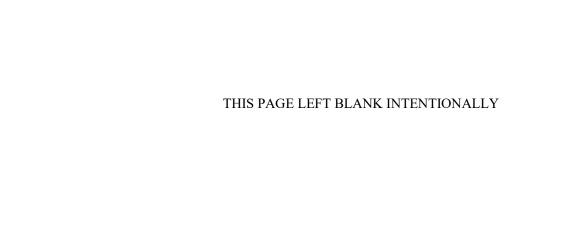


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To the People of Kentucky
The Honorable Andy Beshear, Governor
Holly M. Johnson, Secretary
Finance and Administration Cabinet
The Honorable Stephen R. Henry, Webster County Judge/Executive
Members of the Webster County Fiscal Court

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 Webster County Fiscal Court, for the year ended June 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statement which collectively comprise the Webster 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 Webster 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 Webster County Fiscal Court as of June 30, 2021, 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 Webster County Fiscal Court as of June 30, 2021, 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 and Other Information

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

The Schedule of Capital Assets has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statement, and accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide assurance on it.

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Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated February 3, 2023, on our consideration of the Webster 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 Webster County Fiscal Court's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Based on the results of our audit, we present the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Responses included herein, which discusses the following report findings:

2021-001 The Jail Lacks Adequate Segregation Of Duties Over The Jail Commissary And Inmate Accounts

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy R. Patrick, CPA Patrick & Associates, LLC

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February 3, 2023

WEBSTER COUNTY OFFICIALS

For The Year Ended June 30, 2021

Fiscal Court Members:

Stephen R. Henry County Judge/Executive

Tony Felker Magistrate

Chad Townsend Magistrate

Jerry Brown Magistrate

Other Elected Officials:

Clint Prow County Attorney

Greg Sauls (beginning July 15, 2021)

Jailer

Morgan McKinley (through July 14, 2021)

Jailer

Valerie Newell County Clerk

Janet Cole Circuit Court Clerk

Donald Jones (beginning December 22, 2020) Sheriff

Frankie Springfield (through December 21, 2020) Sheriff

Jeff Kelley Property Valuation Administrator

Todd Vanover Coroner

Appointed Personnel:

Tonia Duncan County Treasurer

Leesa Russell Chief Financial Officer

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

For The Year Ended June 30, 2021

Budgeted Funds

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

For The Year Ended June 30, 2021

		General Fund		Road Fund		Jail Fund
DECEMBE		_		_		
RECEIPTS Taxes	\$	1,612,167	\$		\$	
In Lieu Tax Payments	Φ	1,012,107	Ф		Ф	
Excess Fees		4,590				
Licenses and Permits		12,596				
Intergovernmental		1,983,614		1,351,912		2,018,068
Charges for Services		1,505,011		1,551,512		66,014
Miscellaneous		112,745		81,585		254,768
Interest		5,340		4,978		283
Total Receipts		3,742,519		1,438,475		2,339,133
DISBURSEMENTS						
General Government		2,225,884				
Protection to Persons and Property		589,768				1,636,800
General Health and Sanitation		27,942				1,050,000
Social Services		12,360				
Recreation and Culture		1,200				
Roads		-,		1,259,411		
Debt Service				-,,		342,208
Capital Projects		11,650				,
Administration		303,065		233,699		449,029
Total Disbursements		3,171,869		1,493,110		2,428,037
Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts Over						
Disbursements Before Other						
Adjustments to Cash (Uses)		570,650		(54,635)		(88,904)
Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)						
Transfers From Other Funds						196,637
Transfers To Other Funds		(238,987)				
Total Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)		(238,987)				196,637
Net Change in Fund Balance		331,663		(54,635)		107,733
Fund Balance - Beginning (Restated)		819,534		826,085		38,878
Fund Balance - Ending	\$	1,151,197	\$	771,450	\$	146,611
Composition of Fund Balance						
Bank Balance	\$	1,178,062	\$	780,436	\$	157,227
Less: Outstanding Checks	Ψ	(26,865)	φ	(8,986)	ψ	(10,616)
Fund Balance - Ending	\$	1,151,197	\$	771,450	\$	146,611
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WEBSTER COUNTY STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - REGULATORY BASIS For The Year Ended June 30, 2021 (Continued)

				Budget	ted Fu	nds			
Local Government Economic Assistance Fund		State Federal Grants Grants Sanitation Fund Fund Fund			5	Animal Shelter Fund	American Rescue Plan Act Fund		
\$	\$		\$		\$		\$		\$
2,850 229,913 227,661		32,732		244,521		172,913			1,256,916
50,487 1,264		97				56		85	
512,175		32,829		244,521		172,969	-	85	 1,256,916
439,914 108,353 606		137,934	_	244,521		190,797 16,263 207,060			
(93,071)		(105,105)				(34,091)		85	1,256,916
		22,350				20,000			
(93,071) 572,244		(82,755) 96,449		20		(14,091) 23,573		85 34,180	 1,256,916
\$ 479,173	\$	13,694	\$	20	\$	9,482	\$	34,265	\$ 1,256,916
\$ 483,806 (4,633)	\$	13,694	\$	20	\$	9,482	\$	34,265	\$ 1,256,916
\$ 479,173	\$	13,694	\$	20	\$	9,482	\$	34,265	\$ 1,256,916
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statement.

WEBSTER COUNTY STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - REGULATORY BASIS For The Year Ended June 30, 2021 (Continued)

	Unbudget		
	Public Properties Corporation Fund	Jail Commissary Fund	Total Funds
RECEIPTS			
Taxes	\$	\$	\$ 1,612,167
In Lieu Tax Payments			11,467
Excess Fees			4,590
Licenses and Permits	207.505		15,446
Intergovernmental Charges for Services	207,505		7,325,181 466,588
Miscellaneous		354,288	853,873
Interest	1	143	12,247
Total Receipts	207,506	354,431	10,301,559
DISBURSEMENTS			
General Government			2,566,733
Protection to Persons and Property			2,324,547
General Health and Sanitation			658,653
Social Services			120,713
Recreation and Culture		419,899	421,099
Roads			1,260,017
Debt Service	206,505		548,713
Capital Projects Administration	1,000		11,650 1,003,056
Total Disbursements	207,505	419,899	8,915,181
	201,505		0,515,101
Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts Over			
Disbursements Before Other	1	((5.4(0)	1 207 270
Adjustments to Cash (Uses)	1	(65,468)	1,386,378
Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)			
Transfers From Other Funds			238,987
Transfers To Other Funds			(238,987)
Total Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)			
Net Change in Fund Balance	1	(65,468)	1,386,378
Fund Balance - Beginning (Restated)	1,396	174,210	2,586,569
Fund Balance - Ending	\$ 1,397	\$ 108,742	\$ 3,972,947
Composition of Fund Balance			
Bank Balance	\$ 1,397	\$ 108,742	\$ 4,024,047
Less: Outstanding Checks	1,007		(51,100)
-	\$ 1,397	\$ 108,742	
Ending Fund Balance	φ 1,39/	\$ 108,742	\$ 3,972,947

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

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WEBSTER COUNTY NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT

June 30, 2021

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Reporting Entity

The financial statement of Webster County includes all budgeted and unbudgeted funds under the control of the Webster 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.

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

C. Basis of Presentation (Continued)

Budgeted Funds (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 received from the state.

Federal Grants Fund - The primary purpose of this fund is to account for the federal receipts and disbursement related to federal grant disbursements.

Sanitation Fund - The primary purpose of this fund is to account for sanitation receipts and related disbursements. The primary source of receipts for this fund is charges for services.

Animal Shelter Fund - The primary purpose of this fund is to account for animal shelter receipts and related disbursements. The primary source of receipts for this fund is charges for services and interest earned.

American Rescue Act Plan Fund – The primary purpose of this fund is to account for receipts and disbursements from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

Unbudgeted Funds

The fiscal court reports the following unbudgeted funds:

Public Properties Corporation Fund - The primary purpose of this fund is to account for debt service payments. The Department for Local Government does not require the fiscal court to report or budget this fund.

Jail Commissary Fund - The canteen operations are authorized pursuant to KRS 441.135. The profits generated from the sale of items are to be used for the benefit and to enhance the well-being of inmates, or to enhance safety and security within the jail. The jailer is required to maintain accounting records and report annually to the county treasurer the receipts and disbursements of the jail commissary 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.

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

D. Budgetary Information (Continued)

The state local finance officer does not require the public properties corporation fund to be budgeted because the fiscal court does not approve the expenses of this fund.

The state local finance officer does not require the jail commissary fund to be budgeted because the fiscal court does not approve the expenses of this fund.

E. Webster County Elected Officials

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

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

G. 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. See Note 11. For tax abatements effective during the year ended June 30, 2021.

Note 2. Deposits

A. Deposits

The fiscal court maintained deposits of public funds with federally insured banking institutions as required by the Department for Local Government's (DLG) County Budget Preparation and State Local Finance Officer Policy Manual. The DLG 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 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 the DLG County Budget Preparation and State Local Finance Officer Policy Manual. As of June 30, 2021, all deposits were covered by FDIC insurance or a properly executed collateral security agreement.

Note 3. Custodial Funds

Custodial funds report only those resources held in a trust or custodial capacity for individuals, private organizations, or other governments. In accordance with the regulatory basis of accounting custodial funds are not presented on the financial statements. The fiscal court has the following agency trust funds:

Jail Inmate Fund - This fund accounts for funds received from the inmates. The balance in the jail inmate fund as of June 30, 2021, was \$61,721.

Health Reimbursement Fund - This fund accounts for the county's contributions to individual health accounts maintained for each employee. The balance of the health reimbursement fund as of June 30, 2021, was \$73,892.

Note 4. Transfers

The table below shows the interfund operating transfers for fiscal year 2021.

	General	Total
	Fund	Transfers In
Jail Fund	\$ 196,637	\$ 196,637
State Grants Fund	22,350	22,350
Sanitation Fund	20,000	20,000
Total Transfers Out	\$ 238,987	\$ 238,987

Reason for transfers:

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

Note 5. Long-term Debt

A. Revenue Bonds – Other Debt

1. First Mortgage Refunding Revenue Bonds (Judicial Center Project), Series 2011

On May 5, 2011, the Webster County, Kentucky, Public Properties Corporation (Corporation) issued First Mortgage Refunding Revenue Bonds, Series 2011 to refund First Mortgage Revenue Bonds (Judicial Center Project), Series 2002. The total bond issue was \$1,515,000, with interest rates from 4.00 percent to 4.5 percent. Interest is payable on February 1 and August 1 of each year. As of June 30, 2021, bonds outstanding were \$895,000. Future principal and interest requirements are:

Fiscal Year Ended June 30	<u>I</u>	Principal	Scheduled Interest			
2022 2023 2024 2025 2026	\$	165,000 175,000 175,000 185,000 195,000	\$	36,060 29,873 23,310 15,960 8,190		
Totals	\$	895,000	\$	113,393		

Note 5. Long-term Debt

B. Direct Borrowings and Direct Placements

1. Webster County Detention Center Expansion Series 2017C

On September 19, 2017, the Webster County Fiscal Court entered into a lease-purchase agreement with Kentucky Association of Counties Leasing Trust (KaCOLT) in the amount of \$4,370,000. Monthly principal and interest payments are due beginning October 1, 2017. The final installment is due on January 1, 2037. The effective interest rate is 2.94%. The purpose of the agreement is to refund a portion of the outstanding lease agreement by and between the Kentucky Association of Counties Finance Corporation and the County of Webster, Kentucky, dated December 16, 2010, the proceeds of which were used to refinance a lease dated February 14, 2008, that was used to finance the construction, acquisition, and equipping of an expansion to the current Webster County detention facility. In order to secure all obligations noted in the lease, Webster County granted the Kentucky Association of Counties Finance Corporation a first and prior security interest in any and all right, title, and interest of Webster County in the portions of the project that constitute personal property and in all additions, attachments, accessions, and substitutions thereto, and on any proceeds therefrom. Webster County shall immediately surrender possession of the project to the Kentucky Association of Counties Finance Corporation upon the occurrence of an event of default. Principal outstanding as of June 30, 2021, totaled \$4,062,917. Future principal and interest requirements are:

Fiscal Year Ended			,	Scheduled
June 30		Principal		Interest
2022	\$	189,167	\$	142,915
2023		197,083		133,457
2024		206,250		123,603
2025		219,167		113,290
2026		231,250		102,332
2027-2031		1,301,667		377,462
2032-2036		1,522,917		173,566
2037		195,416		3,970
	·			
Totals	\$	4,062,917	\$	1,170,595

B. Changes In Long-term Debt

Long-term Debt activity for the year ended June 30, 2021, was as follows:

	Beginning				Ending	D	ue Within
	 Balance	Additions	R	eductions	Balance		One Year
Revenue Bonds	\$ 1,060,000	\$	\$	165,000	\$ 895,000	\$	165,000
Direct Borrowings and							
Direct Placements	4,242,083			179,166	4,062,917		189,167
				_			_
Total Long-term Debt	\$ 5,302,083	\$	\$	344,166	\$ 4,957,917	\$	354,167

Note 5. Long-term Debt (Continued)

C. Aggregate Debt Schedule

The amounts of required principal and interest payments on long-term obligations at June 30, 2021, were as follows:

	Other Debt		Direct Borrowings and Direct Placements				
Fiscal Year Ended June 30	F	Principal	Interest		Principal		Interest
2021	\$	165,000	\$ 36,060	\$	189,167	\$	142,915
2022		175,000	29,873		197,083		133,457
2023		175,000	23,310		206,250		123,603
2024		185,000	15,960		219,167		113,290
2025		195,000	8,190		231,250		102,332
2026-2030					1,301,667		377,462
2031-2035					1,522,917		173,566
2036-2037					195,416		3,970
Totals	\$	895,000	\$ 113,393	\$	4,062,917	\$	1,170,595

Note 6. 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. Effective April 1, 2022, the Kentucky Retirement Systems as an agency of the Commonwealth is now known as the Kentucky Public Pensions Authority (KPPA). The governance of CERS has been transferred to a separate 9-member board of trustees that is responsible for the governance of the CERS pension and insurance plans.

The county's contribution for FY 2019 was \$613,293, FY 2020 was \$687,327, and FY 2021 was \$633,634.

Nonhazardous

Nonhazardous covered employees are required to contribute 5 percent of their salary to the plan. Nonhazardous covered employees who begin participation on or after September 1, 2008, are required to contribute 6 percent of their salary to be allocated as follows: 5 percent will go to the member's account and 1 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 5 percent of their annual creditable compensation. Nonhazardous members also contribute 1 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.

Note 6. Employee Retirement System (Continued)

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 4 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 24.06 percent.

Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB)

A. Health Insurance Coverage - Tier 1

CERS 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.

Benefits are covered under KRS 161.714 with exception of COLA and retiree health benefits after July 2003.

B. <u>Health Insurance Coverage - Tier 2 and Tier 3 - Nonhazardous</u>

Once members reach a minimum vesting period of 15 years, they 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 by 1.5 percent. This was established for Tier 2 members during the 2008 Special Legislative Session by House Bill 1. During the 2013 Legislative Session, Senate Bill 2 was enacted, creating Tier 3 benefits for members.

The monthly insurance benefit has been increased annually as a 1.5 percent cost of living adjustment (COLA) since July 2003 when the law changed. The annual increase is cumulative and continues to accrue after the member's retirement.

Note 6. Employee Retirement System (Continued)

Tier 2 member benefits are covered by KRS 161.714 with exception of COLA and retiree health benefits after July 2003. Tier 3 members are not covered by the same provisions.

C. Cost of Living Adjustments - Tier 1

The 1996 General Assembly enacted an automatic cost of living adjustment (COLA) provision for all recipients of KRS benefits. During the 2008 Special Session, the General Assembly determined that each July beginning in 2009, retirees who have been receiving a retirement allowance for at least 12 months will receive an automatic COLA of 1.5 percent. The COLA is not a guaranteed benefit. If a retiree has been receiving a benefit for less than 12 months, and a COLA is provided, it will be prorated based on the number of months the recipient has been receiving a benefit.

D. Cost of Living Adjustments - Tier 2 and Tier 3

No COLA is given unless authorized by the legislature with specific criteria. To this point, no COLA has been authorized by the legislature for Tier 2 or Tier 3 members.

E. Death Benefit

If a retired member is receiving a monthly benefit based on at least 48 months of service credit, KRS will pay a \$5,000 death benefit payment to the beneficiary designated by the member specifically for this benefit. Members with multiple accounts are entitled to only one death benefit.

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.

KRS 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 7. Deferred Compensation

The Webster 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.

Note 7. Deferred Compensation (Continued)

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 501 High Street, 2nd Floor, Frankfort, KY 40601, or by telephone at (502) 573-7925.

Note 8. Health Reimbursement Account/Flexible Spending Account

The Webster County Fiscal Court established a flexible spending account on May 1, 2012, to provide employees an additional health benefit. The county has contracted with a third-party administrator to administer the plan. The plan provides \$2,250 for each individual plan. The balance of the plan is \$73,892.

Note 9. Insurance

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020, the Webster 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 10. Conduit Debt

From time to time the county has issued bonds to provide financial assistance to others for the acquisition and construction of industrial and commercial facilities deemed to be in the public interest, in accordance with KRS 103.210. This debt may take the form of certain types of limited-obligation revenue bonds, certificates of participation, or similar debt instruments. Although conduit debt obligations bear the Webster County Fiscal Court's name as issuer, the fiscal court has no obligation for such debt beyond the resources provided by a lease or loan with the third party on whose behalf it is issued. Neither the fiscal court nor any political subdivision thereof is obligated in any manner for repayment of the bonds. Accordingly, the bonds are not reported as liabilities in the accompanying financial statement. As of June 30, 2021, conduit debt has been issued but the amount currently outstanding is not reasonably determinable.

Note 11. Commitment Debt

Webster County, in conjunction with Henderson, Union, and McLean Counties issued an ordinance which guarantees a portion of the \$450,000, zero-interest rural development loan to Kenergy from the West Kentucky Regional Industrial Development Authority to assist in promoting development of the 4 Star Industrial Park. Webster County authorized a guarantee of \$150,000. Henderson County also guaranteed \$150,000 and Union and McLean Counties each guaranteed \$75,000.

Note 12. Tax Abatement

The property tax was abated under the authority of Webster County Fiscal Court. Tyson Foods is eligible to receive this tax abatement due to the purpose of the business bringing incentives to the citizens of the county, pursuant to KRS 65.7041. The taxes are abated by the county enabling Tyson Foods to start paying taxes from year one, on a pro-rated basis, and further allow Tyson Foods to amend the bond issue from \$14 million dollars to \$17 million dollars. For fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, the Webster County Fiscal Court did not remit any abated property taxes back to Tyson Foods.

Note 13. Contingencies

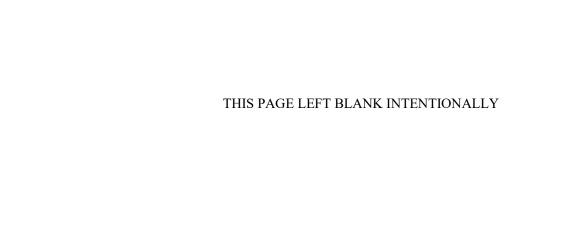
The county is involved in multiple lawsuits. While individually they may not be significant, in the aggregate they could negatively impact the county's financial position. Due to the uncertainty of the litigation, a reasonable estimate of the financial impact on the county cannot be made at this time.

Note 14. Prior Period Adjustment

The beginning fund balance for the road fund, jail fund, and local economic assistance fund was increased to account for prior year voided checks by \$47,720, \$1,998, and \$676, respectively.

WEBSTER COUNTY BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULES Supplementary Information - Regulatory Basis

For The Year Ended June 30, 2021



WEBSTER COUNTY BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULES Supplementary Information - Regulatory Basis

For The Year Ended June 30, 2021

GENERAL FUND

					Actual	Va	ariance with
					Amounts,	F	inal Budget
	 Budgeted	Amo		()	Budgetary		Positive
	 Original		Final		Basis)		(Negative)
RECEIPTS							
Taxes	\$ 1,363,465	\$	1,363,465	\$	1,612,167	\$	248,702
In Lieu Tax Payments	4,641		4,641		11,467		6,826
Excess Fees					4,590		4,590
Licenses and Permits	9,273		9,273		12,596		3,323
Intergovernmental	1,231,374		1,231,374		1,983,614		752,240
Charges for Services	12,264		12,264				(12,264)
Miscellaneous	246,950		271,693		112,745		(158,948)
Interest	 3,223		3,223		5,340		2,117
Total Receipts	 2,871,190		2,895,933		3,742,519		846,586
DISBURSEMENTS							
General Government	2,525,084		2,542,457		2,225,884		316,573
Protection to Persons and Property	536,970		605,910		589,768		16,142
General Health and Sanitation	155,501		29,233		27,942		1,291
Social Services	6,500		23,400		12,360		11,040
Recreation and Culture	1,200		1,200		1,200		
Capital Projects	40,000		40,000		11,650		28,350
Administration	270,737		317,735		303,065		14,670
Total Disbursements	3,535,992		3,559,935		3,171,869		388,066
Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts Over							
Disbursements Before Other							
Adjustments to Cash (Uses)	 (664,802)		(664,002)		570,650		1,234,652
Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)							
Transfers To Other Funds					(238,987)		(238,987)
Total Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)	 				(238,987)		(238,987)
Total Other Adjustments to Cash (Oses)	 				(230,901)		(230,901)
Net Change in Fund Balance	(664,802)		(664,002)		331,663		995,665
Fund Balance - Ending	 664,802		664,802		819,534		154,732
Fund Balance - Ending	\$ 0	\$	800	\$	1,151,197	\$	1,150,397

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	Budgeted Original	Amo	unts Final		Actual Amounts, Budgetary Basis)	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)	
RECEIPTS	 o i igirur			<u> </u>			(Tregative)
Intergovernmental	\$ 1,502,323	\$	1,502,323	\$	1,351,912	\$	(150,411)
Miscellaneous	127,918		127,918		81,585		(46,333)
Interest	3,300		3,300		4,978		1,678
Total Receipts	1,633,541		1,633,541		1,438,475		(195,066)
DISBURSEMENTS							
Roads	1,329,536		1,379,956		1,259,411		120,545
Administration	354,005		303,585		233,699		69,886
Total Disbursements	 1,683,541		1,683,541		1,493,110		190,431
Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts Over Disbursements Before Other							
Adjustments to Cash (Uses)	 (50,000)		(50,000)		(54,635)		(4,635)
Net Change in Fund Balance	(50,000)		(50,000)		(54,635)		(4,635)
Fund Balance Beginning (Restated)	 50,000		50,000		826,085		776,085
Fund Balance - Ending	\$ 0	\$	0	\$	771,450	\$	771,450

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WEBSTER COUNTY BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULES Supplementary Information - Regulatory Basis For The Year Ended June 30, 2021 (Continued)

Fund Balance Beginning (Restated)

	JAIL FUND							
		Budgeted Original	Amounts		Actual Amounts, (Budgetary		Variance with Final Budget Positive	
RECEIPTS		Original		Final		Basis)		Negative)
Intergovernmental	\$	2,690,402	\$	2,690,402	\$	2,018,068	\$	(672,334)
Charges for Services	4	46,850	4	46,850	•	66,014	*	19,164
Miscellaneous		169,300		169,300		254,768		85,468
Interest Earned		1,200		1,200		283		(917)
Total Receipts		2,907,752		2,907,752		2,339,133		(568,619)
DISBURSEMENTS								
Protection to Persons and Property		1,980,547		1,985,547		1,636,800		348,747
Debt Service		343,830		343,830		342,208		1,622
Administration		583,375		578,375		449,029		129,346
Total Disbursements		2,907,752		2,907,752		2,428,037		479,715
Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts Over Disbursements Before Other						(20.20.1)		(00.00.0
Adjustments to Cash (Uses)						(88,904)		(88,904)
Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)								
Transfers From Other Funds						196,637		196,637
Total Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)						196,637		196,637
Net Change in Fund Balance						107,733		107,733
Fund Balance Beginning						38,878		38,878

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE FUND

	Budgeted Amounts				Actual Amounts, Budgetary Basis)	Variance with Final Budget Positive		
RECEIPTS		Original		Final		Dasis)		(Negative)
License and Permits	\$	1,800	\$	1,800	\$	2,850	\$	1,050
Intergovernmental	•	531,342	•	531,342	•	229,913	,	(301,429)
Charges for Services		236,951		236,951		227,661		(9,290)
Miscellaneous		35,200		35,200		50,487		15,287
Interest		500		500		1,264		764
Total Receipts		805,793		805,793		512,175		(293,618)
DISBURSEMENTS								
Protection to Persons and Property		61,559		61,559		56,373		5,186
General Health and Sanitation		584,270		582,500		439,914		142,586
Social Services		159,964		161,014		108,353		52,661
Roads		,		720		606		114
Total Disbursements		805,793		805,793		605,246		200,547
Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts Over Disbursements Before Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)						(93,071)		(02 071)
Adjustments to Cash (Oses)						(93,071)		(93,071)
Net Change in Fund Balance						(93,071)		(93,071)
Fund Balance Beginning (Restated)						572,244		572,244
Fund Balance - Ending	\$	0	\$	0	\$	479,173	\$	479,173

STATE GRANTS FUND

	STATE GRANTS FUND								
		Budgeted Driginal	ounts Final	A (B	Actual mounts, sudgetary Basis)	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)			
RECEIPTS									
Intergovernmental	\$	274,500	\$	1,302,232	\$	32,732	\$	(1,269,500)	
Interest						97		97	
Total Receipts		274,500		1,302,232		32,829		(1,269,403)	
DISBURSEMENTS									
General Government		189,500		983,478		96,328		887,150	
Protection to Persons and Property		40,000		116,606		41,606		75,000	
General Health and Sanitation		45,000		2,148				2,148	
Roads				200,000				200,000	
Total Disbursements		274,500		1,302,232		137,934		1,164,298	
Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts Over Disbursements Before Other						(105.105)		(105 105)	
Adjustments to Cash (Uses)						(105,105)		(105,105)	
Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)									
Transfers From Other Funds						22,350		22,350	
Total Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)						22,350		22,350	
Net Change in Fund Balance						(82,755)		(82,755)	
Fund Balance Beginning						96,449		96,449	
Fund Balance - Ending	\$	0	\$	0	\$	13,694	\$	13,694	

	FEDERAL GRANTS FUND									
		Budgeted Driginal	l Amoi	unts Final	A (B	Actual mounts, sudgetary Basis)	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)			
RECEIPTS	-									
Intergovernmental	\$	267,221	\$	267,221	\$	244,521	\$	(22,700)		
Total Receipts		267,221		267,221		244,521		(22,700)		
DISBURSEMENTS										
General Government		252,221		252,221		244,521		7,700		
Social Services		15,000		15,000				15,000		
Total Disbursements		267,221		267,221		244,521		22,700		
Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts Over Disbursements Before Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)										
Net Change in Fund Balance										
Fund Balance Beginning						20		20		
Fund Balance - Ending	\$	0	\$	0	\$	20	\$	20		

	SANITATION FUND
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Variance with Final Budget
Positive (Negative)
(33,754)
(14)
(33,768)
76
401
477
(33,291)
20,000
20,000
(13,291)
23,573
10,282

	ANIMAL SHELTER FUND									
	Budgeted	d Amounts	Actual Amounts, (Budgetary	Variance with Final Budget Positive						
	Original	Final	Basis)	(Negative)						
RECEIPTS										
Interest	\$	\$	\$ 85	\$ 85						
Total Receipts			85	85						
DISBURSEMENTS										
General Health and Sanitation	500	500		500						
Total Disbursements	500	500		500						
Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts Over Disbursements Before Other										
Adjustments to Cash (Uses)	(500)	(500)	85	585						
Net Change in Fund Balance	(500)	(500)	85	585						
Fund Balance Beginning	500	500	34,180	33,680						
Fund Balance - Ending	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 34,265	\$ 34,265						

Fund Balance - Ending

AMERICAN RESCUE ACT PLAN FUND Actual Variance with Amounts, Final Budget **Budgeted Amounts** (Budgetary Positive Original Basis) (Negative) Final **RECEIPTS** 1,256,916 1,256,916 Intergovernmental Total Receipts 1,256,916 1,256,916 **DISBURSEMENTS** Administration 1,256,916 1,256,916 1,256,916 1,256,916 **Total Disbursements** Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts Over Disbursements Before Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses) 1,256,916 1,256,916 Net Change in Fund Balance 1,256,916 1,256,916 Fund Balance Beginning

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WEBSTER COUNTY NOTES TO REGULATORY SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION - BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULES

June 30, 2021

Note 1. Budgetary Information

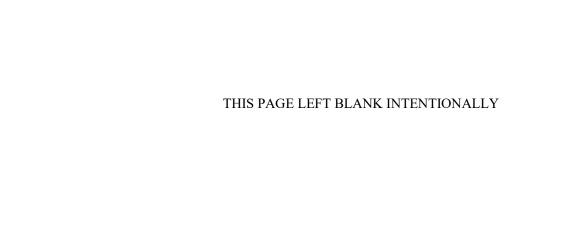
Annual budgets are adopted on a regulatory basis of accounting which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as established by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board and according to the laws of Kentucky as required by the 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.

WEBSTER COUNTY SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL ASSETS Other Information - Regulatory Basis

For The Year Ended June 30, 2021



WEBSTER COUNTY SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL ASSETS Other Information - Regulatory Basis

For The Year Ended June 30, 2021

The fiscal court reports the following Schedule of Capital Assets:

	Beginning			Ending
	Balance	Additions	Deletions	Balance
Land and Land Improvements	\$ 767,992	\$ 1,685,000	\$	\$ 2,452,992
Buildings	14,629,691			14,629,691
Vehicles & Equipment	3,103,849	33,395		3,137,244
Other Equipment	3,651,651	246,003		3,897,654
Infrastructure	18,753,473	455,373		19,208,846
Total Capital Assets	\$ 40,906,656	\$ 2,419,771	\$ 0	\$43,326,427

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WEBSTER COUNTY NOTES TO OTHER INFORMATION - REGULATORY INFORMATION SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL ASSETS

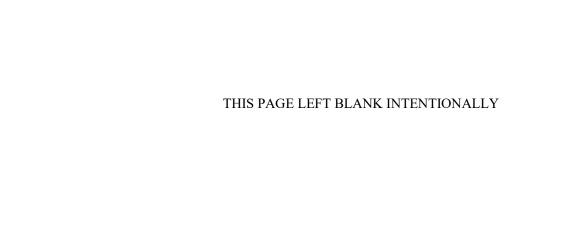
June 30, 2021

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)
T 11	Ф	5.000	10.60
Land Improvements	\$	5,000	10-60
Buildings and Building Improvements	\$	5,000	10-75
Equipment	\$	5,000	3-25
Vehicles	\$	5,000	3-25
Infrastructure	\$	5,000	10-50

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





The Honorable Stephen R. Henry, Webster County Judge/Executive Members of the Webster 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 Webster County Fiscal Court for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statement which collectively comprise the Webster County Fiscal Court's financial statement and have issued our report thereon dated February 3, 2023.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered City of X, State Y'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 opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Webster County Fiscal Court's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Webster 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 a 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 and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. We identified certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses as item 2021-01 that we consider to be a material weakness.

Compliance And Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Webster 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 matter that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards.

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)

Views of Responsible Officials and Planned Corrective Action

Webster County's views and planned corrective action for the findings identified in our audit are included in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Responses. The county's responses were not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statement, and accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

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,

Tammy R. Patrick, CPA Patrick & Associates, LLC

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February 3, 2023

WEBSTER COUNTY SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES

For The Year Ended June 30, 2021

WEBSTER COUNTY SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021

INTERNAL CONTROL – MATERIAL WEAKNESSES:

2021-001 The Jail Lacks Adequate Segregation Of Duties Over The Jail Commissary And Inmate Accounts

This is a repeat finding and was included in the prior year report as finding 2020-001. The jail lacks adequate segregation of duties over the jail commissary and inmate accounts. The jail bookkeeper prepares deposits, prepares daily checkout sheets, and posts to the receipts ledgers. The bookkeeper also prepares monthly collection and disbursement reports, writes and signs checks, posts to the disbursements ledger, and prepares the monthly bank reconciliations. Compensating controls such as the review of daily checkout sheets by the Jailer and the requirement of dual signatures on all checks were noted, but were not deemed adequate enough to offset this control deficiency.

Due to the small size of staff and limited resources, the jail has limited options for establishing segregation of duties.

Lack of segregation of duties could result in misappropriation of assets and/or inaccurate financial reporting, which could occur but go undetected. In addition, too much control by one individual may lead to irregularities if proper oversight is not implemented.

Segregation of duties and/or the implementation of strong compensating controls is essential for providing protection from asset misappropriations and ensuring accurate financial reporting.

We recommend the jail segregate duties to the extent possible given the limited staff size and resources. If proper segregation of duties is not possible due to budget constraints, we recommend that the jail implement strong compensating controls over jail canteen and inmate accounts.

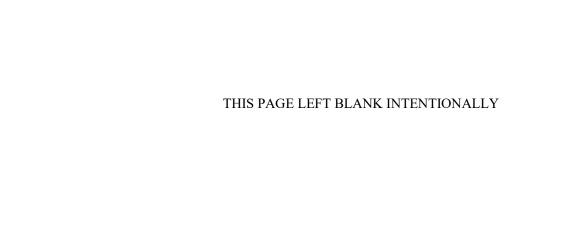
County Judge/Executive's Response: Official did not respond.

County Jailer's Response: The Jailer, Finance Officer, Class D Coordinator, and Lieutenant will all assist in the segregation of duties over the jail canteen & inmate account. Someone other than the Finance Officer will approve all items pertaining to the jail canteen & inmate account. This change has already been in place for some time now.

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The Webster 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