

Auditor Ball releases SSWAK audit for 2024

BY CASEY COUNTY NEWS
FRANKFORT — Kentucky Auditor Allison Ball released the first volume of the annual Statewide Single Audit of the Commonwealth of Kentucky (SSWAK) for Fiscal Year 2024. This report reviewed over \$22 billion in state and federal funds distributed to 370 federal programs managed by 35 different state entities, excluding state universities and retirement systems. Over \$500 million in financial reporting mistakes were uncovered by the Auditor's Office.

"The Statewide Single Audit identifies millions of dollars in potential misstatements on the Commonwealth's financial statements each year, playing a crucial role in ensuring Kentucky's financial position is accurately represented and protected," Auditor Ball said. "Through this audit, we ensure that Kentucky

is correctly keeping track of its finances, preventing serious economic problems from occurring, and safeguarding taxpayer dollars from waste, fraud, and abuse."

The auditor's office identified ten opportunities for improvement, known as findings, in the SSWAK Volume I for Fiscal Year 2024. Integrity in the Commonwealth's financial statements is potentially compromised due to these findings. If the Commonwealth's financial statements are in question, businesses will question the Commonwealth's economic climate and the Commonwealth may lose out on federal funding, among other negative consequences. The auditor provided specific recommendations for each finding, but the general recommendation would be for all identified entities to strengthen internal controls over tracking and reporting

financial activity.

Notable Findings from SSWAK I Include:

- The Finance and Administration Cabinet (FAC) lacked controls to ensure the Commonwealth's financial position was accurately represented to Kentuckians and the federal government. FAC did not transpose manual adjustments into the proper reporting system, accurately record long-term debt and tax refunds payable, and did not have proper controls in place to catch duplicate or erroneous entries. During our review, \$364,014,818 of mistakes were identified, of which \$324,192,392 was corrected by management upon detection by the APA, and the remaining \$39,822,426 was corrected by management per its response to the findings. As mentioned, if the Commonwealth's financial position is not accurately

relayed to the public, then businesses will not have confidence in Kentucky's economic climate. And to the extent those reporting errors involve federal funds, the federal government may choose to take a variety of actions against Kentucky with respect to those funds.

- Kentucky Horse Park (KHP) lacked controls to ensure its financial position was accurately represented to the Commonwealth. KHP lacked controls to ensure complete, accurate, and properly accounted for financial activity. During a review, \$1,532,760 of errors were identified due to incorrect recording of accounts receivables and unearned revenue at year end. Repeat from FY23, KHP failed to properly record \$1,638,960 of capital expenditures and service expenses. KHP's failure in this regard is a misstatement of its financial

position which misrepresents Kentucky's financial activity as a whole.

- KY Department of Revenue (DOR) submitted its closing financial activity with a material error. DOR entered \$55,654,311 for a \$5,654,311 uncollectible accounts receivable resulting in a \$50,000,000 keying error. Its internal controls failed to prevent or detect and correct the reporting errors. The error was identified during a review of the DOR's year end closing package to the Finance and Administration Cabinet (FAC) compilation application. DOR's failure in this regard is a misstatement of Kentucky's financial position, which, among other things, affects how businesses view Kentucky's economic climate. The error of \$50,000,000 was corrected by management upon detection by the APA.

TENNIS

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The team is looking forward to its next matchups to gage the team's talent level and see how they stack up against the better teams in the Region.

"I'm enjoying watching players figure out the challenges before them and find success in most of their matches. Our schedule is getting ready to be even more challenging with upcoming matches against Boyle County, Pulaski

County, and Somerset Christian. We can't overlook other teams; we have to stay ready and keep figuring it out," Overstreet wrote.

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Mariah Cain/Kylie Carey (CC) def. Pierce/Spears (D) 6-3
Haylee Knight/Sophie Demrow (CC) def. Clark/Lily Shepherd (D) 6-1

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Hammond 8-1
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Demrow def. Olivia Adkins/
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