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AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Independent Auditor's Report

To the People of Kentucky
The Honorable Andy Beshear, Governor
Holly M. Johnson, Secretary
Finance and Administration Cabinet
The Honorable Johnny W. Roberts, Jr., Hancock County Judge/Executive
Members of the Hancock County Fiscal Court

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statement
Opinions

We have audited the accompanying Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Changes in Fund Balances – Regulatory Basis of the Hancock County Fiscal Court, for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statement, which collectively comprise the Hancock County Fiscal Court's financial statement as listed in the table of contents.

Unmodified Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the receipts, disbursements, and changes in fund balances – regulatory basis of the Hancock County Fiscal Court, for the year ended June 30, 2023, in accordance with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Commonwealth of Kentucky 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 Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles section of our report, the financial statements do not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of each fund of the Hancock County Fiscal Court, for the year ended June 30, 2023, or the changes in financial position and cash flows thereof for the year then ended.

Basis for Opinions

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*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the *Fiscal Court Audit Guide* 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 Hancock County Fiscal Court 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.

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 Hancock 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 and pervasive.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statement

Hancock County Fiscal Court's management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the 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 Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statement

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is 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 *Government Auditing Standards* 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 control. 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 statement.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statement, 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 statement.
- 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 Hancock County Fiscal Court'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 statement.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Hancock County Fiscal Court's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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 identified during the audit.

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Other Matters

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statement taken as a whole of the Hancock County Fiscal Court. The Budgetary Comparison Schedules 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.

Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information included in this report. The other information is comprised of the schedule of capital assets but does not include the financial statement and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinions on the financial statement do not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon. In connection with our audit of the financial statement, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the financial statement, or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated February 24, 2025, on our consideration of the Hancock 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 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 Hancock 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:

- 2023-001 The Hancock County Fiscal Court Lacks Internal Controls Over Disbursements
- 2023-002 The Hancock County Fiscal Court Did Not Perform A Reconciliation Between Third Party Vendor And Internal Documents For Ambulance Collections
- 2023-003 The Hancock County Fiscal Court Lacks Internal Controls Over Receipts

Respectfully submitted,

Allison Ball

Allison Ball
Auditor of Public Accounts
Frankfort, Ky

February 24, 2025

State law requires the Auditor of Public Accounts to annually audit fiscal courts, county clerks, and sheriffs; and print the results in a newspaper having general circulation in the county. The complete audit and any other audit of state agencies, fiscal courts, county clerks, sheriffs, and property valuation administrators may be viewed in the reports section of the Auditor of Public Accounts' website at auditor.ky.gov or upon request by calling 1-800-247-9126.

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The COURT RECORD

The Hancock County District Court docket for Tuesday, May 20, 2025. The Honorable Daniel Boling presiding.

Probate

Estate of Robert Boyle, Settlement, case continued to June 17, 2025, at 9:00 am.

Estate of Jacoby Gray, Settlement, case continued to June 17, 2025, at 9:00 am.

Estate of Mary Lyles, Probate Hearing, order and bond signed.

Estate of Darrell Tindle. Inventory, case continued to June 17, 2025, at 9:00 am.

Estate of Regina Rice, Inventory, case continued to June 17, 2025, at 9:00 am.

Estate of Robert Fal-lin, Inventory, inventory accepted.

Estate of Nelson Quevas, Settlement, case continued to June 17, 2025, at 9:00 am.

Estate of Gerald Greathouse, Settlement, case continued to June 17, 2025, at 9:00 am.

Estate of Steve Sumner, Other Hearing, order signed.

Estate of Joseph Taylor Jr., Settlement, order signed.

Estate of Robert Oliver, Inventory, inventory accepted.

Estate of Barbara Parsley, Review, case continued to June 17, 2025, at 9:00 am.

Civil Court

Cash Express LLC vs. Mellisa Roberts, other hearing, order e-signed.

Deaconess Hospital, Inc. vs. Julie Rice, Motion Hour, Motion for Default Judgment, order e-signed.

Cash Express LLC vs. Jeremy Yoter, other hearing, order e-signed.

Midland Credit Management, Inc. vs. Joseph Blus, Motion Hour, Motion for Default Judgment, order e-signed.

John White vs. Cameron Gilliam, other hearing, order signed.

Cavalry SPV 1 LLC vs. Anastasiya Volocko, other hearing, order e-signed.

Portfolio Recovery Associates LLC vs. Donna Bland, Notice to Dismiss for Lack of Prosecution, order signed.

Owensboro Health Inc vs. James Cooper, Notice to Dismiss for

Lack of Prosecution, order signed.

Capitol One vs. James Skyler, Notice to Dismiss for Lack of Prosecution, order signed.

Portfolio Recovery Associates LLC vs. Josh McCarty, Notice to Dismiss for Lack of Prosecution, order signed.

Midland Credit Management Inc. vs. Bryan Cartright, other hearing, order signed.

Riverpark Estates vs. Joshua Lattea, forcible detainer judgment signed.

Portfolio Recovery Associates LLC vs. Deborah Case, Notice to Dismiss for Lack of Prosecution, order signed.

LVNV Funding LLC vs. Charles Jones, Motion for Default Judgment, order e-signed.

LVNV Funding LLC vs. Stephanie Clark, Motion for Default Judgment, order signed.

Spring Oaks Capital SPV, LLC vs. Chelsea Blus, Motion for Default Judgment, order e-signed.

Citibank vs. Jennifer

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PUBLIC NOTICE HANCOCK COUNTY Fiscal Year 2025-2026

The second reading and adoption of the Hancock County Fiscal Court proposed budget ordinance for the fiscal year, is scheduled to be held at the date, time and location listed below.

Date: 06/09/2025

Time: 09:00 am

Location: Fiscal Court Rm/Adminsitration Building 3rd Floor

BUDGET SUMMARY

AN ORDINANCE Relating to the Annual Budget and Appropriations.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Hancock County Fiscal Court, Kentucky:

WHEREAS, the proposed budget was tentatively approved by the Hancock County Fiscal Court, and approved as to form and classification by the State Local Finance Officer, on the dates listed below:

Approval by the Fiscal Court: 05/12/2025

Approved by State Local Finance Officer 05/23/2025

SECTION ONE. The following budget is adopted for the fiscal year specified herein, and the amounts stated are appropriated for the purposes indicated.

General Fund		
5000	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	2,257,695.00
5100	PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY	1,524,472.00
5200	GENERAL HEALTH AND SANITATION	250,011.00
5300	SOCIAL SERVICES	239,790.00
5400	RECREATION AND CULTURE	1,426,505.00
6200	AIRPORTS	15,000.00
7500	BORROWED MONEY	
8000	CAPITAL PROJECTS	25,000.00
9100	GENERAL SERVICES	460,700.00
9200	CONTINGENT APPROPRIATIONS	2,363,660.00
9300	TRANSFERS TO OTHER FUNDS	75,000.00
9400	FRINGE BENEFITS- EMPLOYERS SHARE	1,778,210.00
9500	DISTRIBUTIONS TO OTHER GOVT AGENCIES	500.00
Total		10,416,543.00
Road Fund		
6100	ROADS	2,533,446.00
7700	LEASES	441,267.00
9100	GENERAL SERVICES	100.00
9200	CONTINGENT APPROPRIATIONS	290,000.00
9400	FRINGE BENEFITS- EMPLOYERS SHARE	252,450.00
Total		3,517,263.00
Jail Fund		
5100	PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY	271,831.00
9100	GENERAL SERVICES	275.00
9200	CONTINGENT APPROPRIATIONS	35,792.00
9400	FRINGE BENEFITS- EMPLOYERS SHARE	30,775.00
Total		338,673.00
Local Government Economic Assistance Fund		
5000	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	
5100	PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY	2,000.00
5200	GENERAL HEALTH AND SANITATION	2,300.00
5300	SOCIAL SERVICES	18,950.00
5400	RECREATION AND CULTURE	5,800.00

Local Government Economic Assistance Fund		
6100	ROADS	
9200	CONTINGENT APPROPRIATIONS	150,950.00
Total		180,000.00
CDBG FEDERAL GRANTS FUND		
5300	SOCIAL SERVICES	
Total		
OPIOID ABATEMENT/SETTLEMENT FUND		
9200	CONTINGENT APPROPRIATIONS	143,900.00
Total		143,900.00
E911 Fund		
5100	PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY	153,000.00
9200	CONTINGENT APPROPRIATIONS	423,000.00
Total		576,000.00
CLERK-SB 135-PERMANENT STORAGE FEES		
5000	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	41,000.00
Total		41,000.00
LATCF FUND		
5100	PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY	
9200	CONTINGENT APPROPRIATIONS	
9300	TRANSFERS TO OTHER FUNDS	
Total		
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT		
5100	PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY	10,000.00
9200	CONTINGENT APPROPRIATIONS	
Total		10,000.00
OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUND		
9200	CONTINGENT APPROPRIATIONS	
Total		
CO CLERK PAYROLL		
5000	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	
Total		
CO SHERIFF PAYROLL		
5000	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	
Total		
Total Budget Appropriations		15,223,379.00

SECTION TWO. This ordinance shall be published in the Hancock Clarion by title and summary within thirty (30) days following adoption.

SECTION THREE. This ordinance becomes effective upon passage and publication.

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

All interested persons and organizations are hereby notified that a copy of the Hancock County proposed budget in full is available for public inspection at the office of the County Judge/Executive during normal business hours.