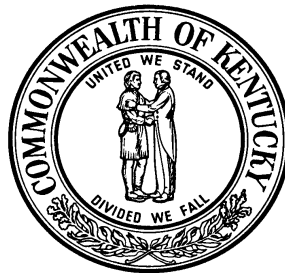


**REPORT OF THE AUDIT OF THE
MARSHALL COUNTY
SHERIFF'S SETTLEMENT - 2018 TAXES**

**For The Period
January 1, 2019 Through April 15, 2019**



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To the People of Kentucky
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Members of the Marshall County Fiscal Court

Independent Auditor's Report

Report on the Financial Statement

We have audited the Marshall County Sheriff's Settlement - 2018 Taxes for the period January 1, 2019 through April 15, 2019 - Regulatory Basis, and the related notes to the financial statement.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statement

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement in accordance with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the laws of Kentucky to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting as described in Note 1. 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 the 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 Sheriff's Tax Settlements*, 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 Marshall County Sheriff on the basis of accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the laws of Kentucky to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting, 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 taxes charged, credited, and paid of the Marshall County Sheriff, for the period January 1, 2019 through April 15, 2019.

Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

In our opinion, the financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the taxes charged, credited, and paid for the period January 1, 2019 through April 15, 2019 of the Marshall County Sheriff, in accordance with the basis of accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Commonwealth of Kentucky as described in Note 1.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated November 19, 2019, on our consideration of the Marshall County Sheriff'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 Marshall County Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards* (Continued)

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

2018-001 The Marshall County Sheriff's Office Lacks Adequate Segregation Of Duties Over Receipts And The Reconciliation Process

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Harmon", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Mike Harmon
Auditor of Public Accounts

November 19, 2019

MARSHALL COUNTY
EDDIE MCGUIRE, SHERIFF
SHERIFF'S SETTLEMENT - 2018 TAXES

For The Period January 1, 2019 Through April 15, 2019

	Special Taxing			
	County	Districts	School	State
<u>Transfers From Outgoing Sheriff</u>				
Real Estate	\$ 212,341	\$ 754,015	\$ 1,048,439	\$ 269,852
Tangible	7,125	26,851	35,177	28,094
Additional Bills	37	194	182	47
Total Transfers From Outgoing Sheriff	<u>219,503</u>	<u>781,060</u>	<u>1,083,798</u>	<u>297,993</u>
<u>Other Taxes & Charges</u>				
Franchise Taxes	11,697	45,470	57,754	
Additional Billings	58	248	284	73
Limestone, Sand, and Gravel	23	95	120	31
Penalties	9,230	34,013	45,589	11,943
Gross Chargeable to Sheriff	240,511	860,886	1,187,545	310,040
<u>Credits</u>				
Exonerations	805	3,279	3,973	1,041
Discounts	233	909	1,153	1
Delinquent Real Estate	21,479	83,955	106,055	27,297
Delinquent Tangible	977	4,089	4,821	4,471
Total Credits	23,494	92,232	116,002	32,810
Taxes Collected	217,017	768,654	1,071,543	277,230
Less: Sheriff's Commissions*	9,223	28,983	38,575	11,782
Taxes Due Districts	207,794	739,671	1,032,968	265,448
Taxes Paid	206,661	735,529	1,029,400	260,743
Refunds (Current and Prior Year)	1,091	4,485	5,387	2,474
Additional Payments Paid Per Settlement				2,231
Taxes Due Districts (Refund Due Sheriff)	<u>\$ 42</u>	<u>\$ (343)</u>	<u>\$ (1,819)</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>

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* and ** See next page.

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

MARSHALL COUNTY
 EDDIE MCGUIRE, SHERIFF
 SHERIFF'S SETTLEMENT - 2018 TAXES
 For The Period January 1, 2019 Through April 15, 2019
 (Continued)

* Commissions:

4.25% on	\$	1,149,503
3.6% on	\$	1,071,543
1% on	\$	113,398

** Special Taxing Districts:

Library District	\$	45
Health District		32
Extension District		9
Hospital District		(197)
Refuse District		(94)
City of Hardin		(69)
Gilbertsville Fire District		(13)
East Marshall Fire District		(8)
Possum-Trot Sharpe Fire District		(9)
Palma-Briensburg Fire District		(18)
Fairdealing-Olive Fire District		(7)
West Marshall Fire District		(4)
South Marshall Fire District		<u>(10)</u>

Due Districts or (Refunds Due Sheriff)	\$	<u>(343)</u>
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MARSHALL COUNTY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT

April 15, 2019

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Fund Accounting

The sheriff's office tax collection duties are limited to acting as an agent for assessed property owners and taxing districts. A fund is used to account for the collection and distribution of taxes. A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain government functions or activities.

B. Basis of Accounting

The financial statement has been prepared on a regulatory basis of accounting, which demonstrates compliance with the laws of Kentucky and is a special purpose framework. Basis of accounting refers to when charges, credits, and taxes paid are reported in the settlement statement. It relates to the timing of measurements regardless of the measurement focus.

Charges are sources of revenue which are recognized in the tax period in which they become available and measurable. Credits are reductions of revenue which are recognized when there is proper authorization. Taxes paid are uses of revenue which are recognized when distributions are made to the taxing districts and others.

C. Cash and Investments

KRS 66.480 authorizes the sheriff's office 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).

D. Preparation of State Settlement

The Kentucky Department of Revenue conducts the settlement relating to taxes collected for the state under the provision of KRS 134.192(2)(a). This is reported as the "State Taxes" column on the financial statement.

Note 2. Deposits

The Marshall County Sheriff maintained deposits of public funds with depository institutions insured by the FDIC as required by KRS 66.480(1)(d). According to KRS 41.240, the depository institution should pledge or provide sufficient collateral which, together with FDIC insurance, equals or exceeds the amount of public funds on deposit at all times. In order to be valid against the FDIC 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 sheriff 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.

Custodial Credit Risk - Deposits

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a depository institution failure, the sheriff's deposits may not be returned. The Marshall County Sheriff does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk but rather follows the requirements of KRS 66.480(1)(d) and KRS 41.240. As of April 15, 2019, all deposits were covered by FDIC insurance or a properly executed collateral security agreement.

MARSHALL COUNTY
 NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT
 April 15, 2019
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Note 3. Tax Collection Period

A. Property Taxes

The real and personal property tax assessments were levied as of January 1, 2018. Property taxes were billed to finance governmental services for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019. Liens are effective when the tax bills become delinquent. The collection period for these assessments was January 14, 2019 through April 15, 2019.

B. Limestone, Sand, and Gravel Reserves

The limestone, sand, and gravel property tax assessments were levied as of January 1, 2018. Property taxes are billed to finance governmental services. Liens are effective when the tax bills become delinquent. The collection period for these assessments was January 17, 2019 through April 15, 2019.

C. Franchise Taxes

The franchise tax assessments were levied by the Department of Revenue for various tax years. Franchise taxes are billed to finance governmental services. Liens are effective when the tax bills become delinquent. The collection period for these assessments was January 1, 2019 through April 15, 2019.

Note 4. Interest Income

The Marshall County Sheriff earned \$255 as interest income on 2018 taxes. As of November 19, 2019, the sheriff owed \$112 in interest to the school district and \$99 in interest is due from the fee account.

Note 5. Sheriff's 10% Add-On Fee

The Marshall County Sheriff collected \$84,432 of 10% add-on fees allowed by KRS 134.119(7). This amount was used to operate the sheriff's office.

Note 6. Escrow Account

The sheriff deposited unrefundable payments in interest-bearing accounts. The sheriff's escrowed beginning balance was \$782. The sheriff did not receive or disburse any funds resulting in a total ending balance as of April 15, 2019, of \$782. The ending balance consists of the following escrowed amounts:

2013:	\$3
2014:	\$40
2015:	\$75
2016:	\$222
2017:	\$442

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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 Marshall County Sheriff's Settlement - 2018 Taxes for the period January 1, 2019 through April 15, 2019 - Regulatory Basis and the related notes to the financial statement and have issued our report thereon dated November 19, 2019. The Marshall County Sheriff's financial statement is prepared on a regulatory basis of accounting, which demonstrates 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.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statement, we considered the Marshall County Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statement, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Marshall County Sheriff's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Marshall County Sheriff's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. However, as described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Responses, we identified a certain deficiency in internal control that we consider to be a material weakness.

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 statement will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. We consider the deficiency described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Responses as item 2018-001 to be a material weakness.



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*
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Compliance And Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Marshall County Sheriff's financial statement is free from 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 matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Views of Responsible Official and Planned Corrective Action

The Marshall County Sheriff's views and planned corrective action for the finding identified in our audit are described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Responses. The Marshall County Sheriff's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statement and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

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,



Mike Harmon
Auditor of Public Accounts

November 19, 2019

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES

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MARSHALL COUNTY
EDDIE MCGUIRE, SHERIFF
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES

For The Period January 01, 2019 Through April 15, 2019

INTERNAL CONTROL - MATERIAL WEAKNESS:

2018-001 The Marshall County Sheriff's Office Lacks Adequate Segregation Of Duties Over Receipts And The Reconciliation Process

The Marshall County Sheriff's office lacks adequate segregation of duties over receipts and the reconciliation process. The bookkeeper is required to perform multiple tasks such as the collection of cash from customers, deposit preparation, bookkeeping functions, the preparation of monthly reports, and the monthly reconciliations. Due to a limited staff size, the bookkeeper is required to perform multiple bookkeeping tasks. A lack of segregation of duties or strong oversight could result in undetected misappropriation of assets and inaccurate financial reporting.

Segregation of duties over tasks, or the implementation of compensating controls when limited by staff, is essential for providing protection from asset misappropriation and helping to prevent inaccurate financial reporting. Additionally, proper segregation of duties protects employees in the normal course of performing their daily responsibilities.

To adequately protect against misappropriation of assets and undetected misstatements, we recommend the sheriff segregate the duties noted above by allowing different deputies to perform them. For those duties that cannot be segregated due to a limited number of staff, strong management oversight by the sheriff or designee could be a cost effective alternative. This oversight should include reviewing daily checkout sheets, deposit tickets, monthly bank reconciliations, and the receipts and disbursements ledgers. Documentation, such as the sheriff's or designee's initials or signature, should be provided on those items that were reviewed.

Sheriff's Response: To accommodate the segregation of duties protocol, we will be having either myself or a Captain initial any and all correspondence through our accounts. This includes but not limited to initialing daily checkouts, deposit tickets, and monthly bank reconciliations.