SALINE COUNTY, NEBRASKA FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

SALINE COUNTY

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

County Board of Commissioners Saline County, Nebraska Wilber, Nebraska

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying cash basis financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Saline County, Nebraska as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the cash basis of accounting described in Note 1. This includes determining that the cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statements in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit 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. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

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Auditors' Responsibility, Continued

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the County's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements 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 County'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 statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinions.

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective cash basis financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Saline County, Nebraska, as of June 30, 2017, and the respective changes in cash basis financial position for the year then ended in conformity with the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

Emphasis of Matters - Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 of the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared on the cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinions are not modified with respect to this matter.

Supplementary and Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise Saline County, Nebraska's basic financial statements. The combining nonmajor fund financial statement, budgetary comparison information, and schedules of office activity are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The combining nonmajor fund financial statement, budgetary comparison information, and schedules of office activity are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining nonmajor fund financial statement, budgetary comparison information, and schedules of office activity are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

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Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 21, 2017, on our consideration of Saline County, Nebraska'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 Saline County, Nebraska's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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Schulz & Associates, P.C. Certified Public Accountants December 21, 2017

SALINE COUNTY STATEMENT OF NET POSITION - CASH BASIS JUNE 30, 2017

ASSETS		Sovernmental Activities
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	7,656,874
Total Assets		7,656,874
NET POSITION		
Restricted for:		
Visitor Promotion		32,690
County Building Fund Emergency Prepareness and Services		917,848 33,231
Law Enforcement and Crime Prevention		139,207
Debt Service		620,853
Homeland Security		627
Unrestricted	·	5,912,418
Total Net Position	\$	7,656,874

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

SALINE COUNTY STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES - CASH BASIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

		Program C		
Functions:	Cash Disbursements	Fees, Fines, and Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Net (Disbursements) Receipts and Changes in Net Position
Governmental Activities:				
General Government Public Safety Public Works Public Welfare and Social Services Public Health Culture and Recreation Debt Service	\$ (4,796,892) (3,397,055) (8,473,195) (39,385) (22,223) (26,349) (1,056,872)	\$ 546,859 1,925,650	\$ 108,034 119,210 2,105,486 5,150	\$ (4,141,999) (1,352,195) (6,367,709) (39,385) (17,073) (26,349) (1,056,872)
Total Governmental Activities	(17,811,971)	2,472,509	2,337,880	(13,001,582)
General Receipts: Taxes Intergovernmental Interest Income Licenses and Permits Miscellaneous				7,906,430 595,744 45,856 8,800 347,934 8,904,764
Change in Net Position				(4,096,818)
Net Position - Beginning				11,753,692
Net Position - Ending				\$7,656,874

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

SALINE COUNTY STATEMENT OF CASH BASIS ASSETS AND FUND BALANCES GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS JUNE 30, 2017

		Total Governmental Funds		General Fund	•	Inheritance Tax Fund	Road Fund
ASSETS							
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	7,656,874	\$	1,526,592	\$	2,822,724 \$	410,800
Total Assets	:	7,656,874		1,526,592	:	2,822,724	410,800
FUND BALANCES							
Restricted for: Visitor Promotion County Building Fund Emergency Preparedness and Services Law Enforcement and Crime Prevention Debt Service Homeland Security		32,690 917,848 33,231 139,207 620,853 627					
Committed to: Road Child Support		410,800 59,848					410,800
Assigned to: Other Purposes		3,915,178				2,822,724	
Unassigned:		1,526,592		1,526,592			
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Total Cash Basis Fund Balances	\$	7,656,874	\$	1,526,592	\$	2,822,724 \$	410,800

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

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 Jail Bond Fund	-	Highway Bond Fund	-	Courthouse Building Bond	-	Other Capital Projects	Other Governmental Funds
\$ 355,301	\$_	229,951	\$	35,601	\$	903,122 \$	1,372,783
 355,301	-	229,951	=	35,601	:	903,122	1,372,783
355,301		229,951		35,601		903,122	32,690 14,726 33,231 139,207 627
							59,848 1,092,454
\$ 355,301	\$ ₌	229,951	\$	35,601	\$	903,122_\$	1,372,783

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SALINE COUNTY STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN CASH BASIS FUND BALANCES GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

	Total Governmental Funds	General Fund	Inheritance Tax Fund	Road Fund
Receipts Taxes Licenses and Permits Intergovernmental Charges for Services Interest	\$ 7,906,430 \$ 8,800 2,933,624 2,472,509 45,856	6,171,325 \$ 1,200 543,544 2,463,998 45,856	1,001,602 \$	7,600 1,381,277
Miscellaneous	347,934	8,367	105,560	75,637
Total Receipts	13,715,153	9,234,290	1,107,162	1,464,514
Disbursements General Government Public Safety Public Works Public Assistance Public Health Culture and Recreation Debt Service: Principal Payments Interest Payments	4,796,892 3,397,055 8,473,195 39,385 22,223 26,349 660,000 396,872	3,662,273 3,013,040 218,162 39,385	205,187	4,577,217
Total Disbursements	17,811,971	6,932,860	205,187	4,577,217
Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts Over Disbursements	(4,096,818)	2,301,430	901,975	(3,112,703)
Other Financing Sources (Uses) Transfers from Other Funds Transfers to Other Funds	7,492,839 (7,492,839)	1,531,544 (4,045,385)	648,000 (935,372)	4,601,719 (1,666,000)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	0	(2,513,841)	(287,372)	2,935,719
Net Change in Fund Balances	(4,096,818)	(212,411)	614,603	(176,984)
Cash Basis Fund Balance - Beginning	11,753,692	1,739,003	2,208,121	587,784
Cash Basis Fund Balance - Ending	\$ 7,656,874_\$	5 <u>1,526,592</u> \$	\$	410,800

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

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_	Jail Bond Fund		Highway Bond Fund	_	Courthouse Building Bond	Other Capital Projects	Other Governmental Funds
\$	389,818	\$		\$	229,561	\$	\$ 114,124
	32,726		400,420		19,460		556,197 8,511
				-			158,370
_	422,544		400,420	-	249,021	0_	837,202
						3,677,816	929,432 384,015
							22,223 26,349
-	400,000 18,308		260,000 141,037	. -	237,527		0
-	418,308		401,037	. <u>-</u>	237,527	3,677,816	1,362,019
-	4,236		(617)		11,494	(3,677,816)	(524,817)
_					222,500 (224,500)		489,076 (621,582)
-	0		0		(2,000)	0	(132,506)
	4,236		(617)		9,494	(3,677,816)	(657,323)
-	351,065	-	230,568		26,107	4,580,938	2,030,106
\$_	355,301	\$	229,951	\$	35,601	\$ 903,122	\$ 1,372,783

SALINE COUNTY STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY ASSETS AND LIABILITIES - CASH BASIS FIDUCIARY FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

ASSETS:	Balance July 1, 2016	Additions	Deductions	Balance June 30, 2017
Cash and Deposits	\$622,909_	\$_32,450,090_	\$_32,371,417_	\$
Total Assets	622,909	32,450,090	32,371,417	701,582
LIABILITIES:				
Due to Other Governments: State Schools Educational Service Units Technical Colleges Natural Resources Districts Fire Districts Municipalities Airport Authorities Agricultural Society Historical Society Clerk of District Court Trust	226,608 307,891 2,423 11,650 3,967 2,819 56,794 676 679 146 2,420	2,856,310 23,367,774 357,726 1,715,390 569,365 270,045 2,711,210 25,634 101,014 59,575 3,583	2,820,399 23,349,324 357,246 1,713,149 568,791 267,810 2,703,942 26,137 100,867 59,060 4,729	262,519 326,341 2,903 13,891 4,541 5,054 64,062 173 826 661 1,274
Others	6,836	412,464	399,963	19,337
Total Liabilities	622,909	32,450,090	32,371,417	701,582
TOTAL NET POSITION	\$	\$0	\$0	\$

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies and procedures adopted by Saline County, Nebraska:

A. Reporting Entity

Saline County, Nebraska (County) is a governmental entity established under and governed by the laws of the state of Nebraska (State). A reporting entity is composed of the primary government, component units, and other organizations that are included to ensure the financial statements of the county are not misleading. The County, for financial purposes, includes all of the funds relevant to the operation of Saline County. The financial statements of the County include those of separately administered organizations that are controlled by, or dependent on, the County. Control or dependence is determined on the criteria of appointing a voting majority of an organization or 2) the potential for the organization to provide specific benefits to or impose specific financial burdens on the county.

Other individual County offices maintain accounting records and account for monies received and disbursed directly by these offices. Only that portion of these monies which is subsequently receipted by the County Treasurer is reflected in the County's financial statements. Accountabilities of the monies for the various other offices of the county are presented in pages 36 to 43 of this report.

B. Basis of Presentation:

Government-wide Financial Statements:

The Statement of Net Position – Cash Basis and Statement of Activities – Cash Basis display information about the activities of the County (the primary government), and are in the format of government-wide financial statements as required by GASB Statement Number 34. These statements include all the financial activities of the County except for fiduciary activities. Internal activities in these statements have not been eliminated. Governmental GAAP would require internal activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other nonexchange transactions.

The Statement of Activities illustrates the degree to which the direct disbursement of a given function or segment is offset by program receipts. Direct disbursements are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program receipts include:

1) Charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function and 2) grant contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function. Property tax and other items not properly included among program receipts are reported instead as general receipts.

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED):

B. Basis of Presentation (Continued):

Fund Financial Statements:

During the year, the county segregates transactions related to certain county functions or activities in separate funds in order to aid financial management and to demonstrate legal compliance. Fund financial statements are designed to present financial information of the county at the more detailed level. The county uses two categories of funds, governmental and fiduciary. The focus of governmental fund financial statements is on the major funds. Each major fund is presented in a separate column. Non-major funds are aggregated and presented in a single column. Fiduciary funds are reported by type.

The following are Saline County's major governmental funds:

General Fund:

The General Fund is the general operating fund of the County. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund. The general fund balance is available to the county for any purpose provided it is expended or transferred according to the general laws of Nebraska.

Inheritance Tax Fund:

The Inheritance Tax Fund is used to account for inheritance tax collected in accordance with Nebraska State Statute. The fund balance is available to the county for any purpose.

Road Fund:

This Road fund is a special revenue fund that accounts for revenues and expenditures for the maintenance, construction, and improvements of the roads of the county.

Jail Bond Fund:

This fund is a debt service fund and accounts for interest revenue and expenditures for the repayment of jail bonds. The county annually levies taxes restricted for the retirement of this debt.

Highway Bond Fund:

This fund is a debt service fund and accounts for interest revenue and expenditures for the repayment of highway bonds. The county annually levies taxes restricted for the retirement of this debt.

Courthouse Building Bond Fund:

This fund is a debt service fund and accounts for interest revenue and expenditures for the repayment of Courthouse Building bonds. The county annually levies taxes restricted for the retirement of this debt

Other Capital Projects Fund:

This fund is a capital projects fund to be used for expenses relating to the Milford road project.

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED):

B. Basis of Presentation (Concluded):

The County reports the following additional non-major governmental fund types:

Special Revenue Funds. These funds account for the proceeds from a specific receipt source that is restricted to disbursements for a specified purpose.

Agency Funds. These funds account for assets held by the County as an agent for various local governments.

Debt Service Funds. These funds account for the resources for, and the payment of, general long-term debt principal, interest, and related costs.

The County designates fund balances as:

<u>Restricted</u> - The fund balance is restricted by external impositions such as creditors, grantors, or law or regulations of other governments.

<u>Committed</u> - The fund balance has been designated by the County Board for a specific purpose.

<u>Assigned</u> - The fund balance has not been designated by the County Board for a specific purpose, but has been separated based on the type of revenue.

<u>Unassigned</u> - The portion of the General Fund not restricted, committed, or assigned for a specific purpose.

Fiduciary Funds:

Fiduciary fund reporting focuses on net position and changes in net position. The County's only fiduciary funds are agency funds. The agency funds account for assets held by the County for political subdivisions in which the county acts as a fiscal agent and for taxes, state-levied shared revenues, and fines and forfeitures collected and distributed to other political subdivisions.

C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting:

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus and basis of accounting. The accounting records of the County are maintained and the government-wide financial statements were reported on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements. As such, the measurement focus includes only those assets and fund balances arising from cash transactions on the Statement of Net Position – Cash Basis and the Statement of Activities – Cash Basis. Revenues are recognized when received and expenditures are recognized when warrants are paid. This differs from governmental GAAP, which requires the government-wide and fiduciary fund financial statements to be reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Under this measurement focus and basis of accounting revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows.

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED):

C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting (Concluded):

The governmental fund financial statements were also reported on the cash receipt and disbursement basis of accounting. As such, the same measurement focus and basis of accounting were used, as described above. This differs from governmental GAAP, which require governmental fund financial statements to be reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this measurement focus and basis of accounting, receipts are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Receipts are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period.

Disbursements generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, disbursements related to compensated absences and claims and judgments are recorded only when payment is due.

D. Assets and Net Position:

Cash and Cash Equivalents:

The County's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand and demand deposits.

Investments:

The types of investments in which the County is authorized to invest funds are enumerated in Neb. Rev. Stat. Sections 77-2315, 77-2340, and 77-2341 (Reissue 2009), and generally include U.S. Government obligations, certificates of deposit, and time deposits and securities which are authorized by the Nebraska Investment Council.

Capital Assets:

Depreciation expense on capital assets were not recorded on the cash basis financial statements. Under GAAP, depreciation expense would be recorded in the Statement of Activities. The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that does not add to the value of the asset or extend asset life is not capitalized.

Under the cash receipts and disbursements basis of accounting, capital assets are not capitalized in the funds used to acquire or construct them. Instead, capital acquisitions are selected as disbursements in governmental funds. GAAP requires capital assets, which would include property, plant, equipment, and infrastructure assets (e.g., roads, bridges, sidewalks, and similar items) to be reported in the applicable governmental activities columns in the government-wide financial statements.

Compensated Absences:

Vested or accumulated vacation leave that is liquidated with expendable available financial resources is reported as an expenditure of the County funds as paid. Upon termination, employees are paid for any unused vacation. Under the receipts and disbursements basis of accounting, the liabilities for compensated absences are not reported since they do not represent liabilities arising from cash transactions.

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONCLUDED):

D. <u>Assets and Net Position (Concluded):</u> <u>Compensated Absences (Concluded):</u>

Under GAAP, the compensated absences liability would be reported in the government-wide financial statements and would be recorded in accordance with the County's policy, which is to recognize the expense and accrued liability when vacation and compensatory leave is earned.

Restricted Net Position

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the County's policy to use restricted resources first, then the unrestricted resources, as they are needed. Net position is reported as restricted when constraints placed on their use are either externally imposed or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

NOTE 2: PROPERTY TAXES:

Property taxes are levied by the County by October 15 of each year for all political subdivisions in the County. Real Estate taxes become due and attach as an enforceable lien on property as of December 31. Real Estate and Personal Property taxes are payable in two installments and become delinquent on May 1 and September 1, following the levy date. Motor Vehicle taxes are due when application is made for registration of Motor Vehicle.

Counties are permitted by the State Constitution to levy a tax of up to \$.50/\$100 of assessed valuation for general governmental services, except that \$.05 of \$100 of taxable valuation of property subject to the levy may only be levied to provide financing for the County's share of revenue required under an agreement executed pursuant to the Inter-Local Cooperation act. The County may allocate up to fifteen cents of its authority to other political subdivisions including: Fire districts, Cemetery Districts, and a Historical Society. The County may levy taxes in addition to the .50-cent limitation upon a vote of the people.

The levy set in October for 2016 taxes which will be materially collected in May and September, 2017, was set at \$0.304198/\$100 of assessed valuation.

In addition, there is currently a legislative imposed lid limitation, which limits taxation to the prior year's level with provisions for growth. It may be increased by 1% by a three/fourths majority of the County Board.

NOTE 3: DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS:

The County Treasurer has generally pooled the cash resources of the various funds for investment purposes. Each fund's portion of total cash and investments is summarized by fund type on the combined statement of assets and other debits, liabilities, and fund balances arising from cash transactions as "equity in pooled cash and investments". Interest earned on pooled funds is credited to County General Fund in accordance with Section 77-2315, (Reissue 2009). Investments made specifically from and for a particular fund are summarized as "Designated Investments". Interest on these investments is credited to the fund from which the investment is made, also in accordance with the above-cited statute.

The types of investments the County is authorized to invest funds in are enumerated in State Statutes and generally include U.S. government obligations, certificates of deposit, time deposits and securities in which the state investment officer is authorized to invest.

At year end, the County's carrying amount of deposits was \$7,656,874 and \$701,582 for Fiduciary funds. The bank balance for all funds totaled \$8,314,283. For purposes of classifying categories of custodial risk, the bank balances of deposits as of June 30, 2017 were either entirely insured or collateralized with securities held by the County's agent in the County's name.

In summary, Pooled Cash and Investments as of June 30, 2017 consists of:

Deposits Cash on Hand	\$	8,299,261 59,195
Total	\$_	8,358,456

NOTE 4: RETIREMENT PROGRAM:

The Retirement Program for Nebraska Counties is a multiple-employer cash balance benefit plan or a defined contribution plan administered by the Nebraska Public Employees Retirement Board (NPERB) in accordance with the provisions of the County Employees Retirement Act beginning at State Statute Section 23-2301 through 23-2334 (Reissue 2012, Cum. Supp. 2014, Supp. 2015) and may be amended through legislative action.

Participation in the Plan is required of all full-time employees upon the completion of 12 months of continuous service and of all full time elected officials upon taking office.

Full or part time (working less than one-half of the regularly scheduled hours) employees may elect voluntary participation upon reaching age 25 and completing a total of 12 months service within a five-year period. Part time elected officials may exercise the option to join. County employees and elected officials contribute 4.5% of their total compensation except for Certified Law Enforcement employees who contribute 5.5%. In addition, the County contributes an amount equal to 150% of the employee's contribution.

NOTE 4: RETIREMENT PROGRAM (Concluded):

The contribution rates are established by Neb. Rev. Stat. Sections 23-2307 and 23-2308 and may be amended through legislative action. The employee's and employer's contributions are kept in separate accounts. The employee's account is fully vested. The employer's account is fully vested after three years of participation in the system, including the twelve-month eligibility period or credit for participation in another governmental plan prior to actual contribution to the Plan. Prior service benefits are paid directly by the County to the retired employee.

For the year ended June 30, 2017, the employees contributed \$216,590 and the County contributed \$320,640, which consisted of cash contributions. Lastly, the County paid \$192 directly to three retired employees for prior service benefits.

NOTE 5: DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN:

The County offers its employees a deferred compensation plan created in accordance with Internal Revenue Code, section 457. The plan, available to all State employees, permits them to defer a portion of their salary until future years. The deferred compensation is not available until termination, retirement, death, or unforeseeable emergency. The plan is recorded as an agency fund of the county.

All amounts of compensation deferred under the plan, all property and rights purchased with those amounts, and all income attributable to those amounts, property or rights are (until paid or made available to the employees or other beneficiary) solely the property and rights of the country (without being restricted to the revisions of the plan) subject only to the claims of the county's general creditors. Participants' rights under the plan are equal to those of general creditors of the County in an amount equal to the fair market value of the deferred account for each participant.

The County has the duty of due care that would be required of an ordinary prudent investor. The County believes that it is unlikely that it will use the assets to satisfy the claims of general creditors in the future.

The following is a summary of the increases and decreases of the fund for the year ended June 30, 2017:

Fund Assets (at market value), July 1, 2016	\$ 575,767
Deferrals of compensation	49,427
Withdrawals	(1,176)
Net earnings and adjustments to market value	 103,782
Fund Assets (at market value), June 30, 2017	\$ 727,800

NOTE 6: INTERFUND TRANSFERS:

The detail of interfund transfers for the year ended June 30, 2017 is as follows:

<u>Transfers To</u>	Transfers From		<u>Amount</u>
Deed	Conorol	\$	2 601 710
Road	General	φ	3,691,719
Juvenile Service	General		62
Bailiff	General		28,538
Aging Service	General		5,072
Drug Court	General		6,194
Reappraisal	General		38,800
Wellness	General		26,000
Inheritance	General		15,000
Courthouse	General		222,500
Grant	General		11,500
General	Road		1,391,000
Inheritance	Road		275,000
General	Grant		8,500
General	Inheritance		15,000
County Building	Inheritance		323,720
Road	Inheritance		592,482
Aging Services	Inheritance		4,170
Inheritance	Courthouse		108,000
General	Courthouse		116,500
Inheritance	County Building		250,000
Wireless Services	Wireless Services		45,021
General	Wireless Services		481
General	Juvenile Service		62
Road	Emergency Bridge		173,233
Road	Special Road		144,285
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Transfers generally move resources from the General Fund, statutorily required to collect the resources, to the fund statutorily required to expend the resources.

NOTE 7: FEDERALLY ASSISTED PROGRAMS:

The County receives substantial grants from the federal and state governments, all of which are subject to audit by the respective governments. Subsequent audits may disallow expenditures financed by governmental grant programs, although past audits have resulted in no violations of grant regulations and no requests for reimbursements.

It is the opinion of management that requests for reimbursement, if any, by either the federal or state governments based on subsequent audits will not be material in relation to the County's financial statements as of June 30, 2017.

NOTE 8: RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS:

There were no related party transactions having a material effect on the financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2017.

NOTE 9: ACCUMULATED COMPENSATED ABSENCES:

It is the County's policy to permit employees to accumulate a limited amount of earned but unused vacation and sick leave. Upon separation from the County's services, the accumulated vacation would be paid but the sick leave would be forfeited. The cost of vacation and sick leave are recognized when payments are made to the individual.

NOTE 10: JOINT VENTURE:

Saline County has entered into an agreement with the other counties in Region V in conjunction with the Nebraska Department of Public Institutions to provide services to carry out the provisions of the Nebraska Comprehensive Community Mental Health Services Act and the related alcoholism and drug abuse services and the Developmental Disabilities Services Act (Acts). Region V consists of sixteen counties. Separate agreements were established under the authority of the Inter-Local Cooperation Act for services to be provided under each of the acts. The governing boards for Region V services are established by Statute and the agreements and include representatives from the participating county boards. Each county contributes to the financial support of the Region activities based on formulas developed by the Region governing boards and as required by the Acts. Funding is provided by a combination of federal, state, local, and private funding. Saline County contributed \$64,924 towards the operation of Region V during fiscal year 2017. In the event of the termination of the agreement, assets would be disposed of in accordance with the terms of the agreement. The Nebraska Department of Public Institutions requires the Region to be audited annually in accordance with State Statute. Financial information for the Region is available in that audit report.

NOTE 11: LONG-TERM DEBT:

<u>Bonds</u>

Highway Allocation Bond

The County issued bonds in 2012, in the amount of \$6,015,000 for the purpose of paying the costs of certain streets, highways, and roads within Saline County. The bond payable, as of June 30, 2017, was \$4,990,000. The County has the ability to levy taxes as necessary to cover the annual required principal and interest payments over the term of these bonds. Future tax resources will be used to pay off the bonds.

Law Enforcement Center Jail Bond

The County originally issued bonds to construct a new jail and certain costs of issuing a bond. The original bond was refinanced with Series 2014 refunding bonds to lower the interest rate. The original amount of refunding bonds was \$2,550,000. The bond payable balance, as of June 30, 2017, was \$1,350,000. The County has the ability to levy taxes as necessary to cover the annual required principal and interest payments over the term of the bonds. Future tax resources will be used to pay off bonds.

NOTE 11: LONG-TERM DEBT (CONCLUDED):

Courthouse Building Bond

The County issued bonds on June 11, 2015, in the amount of \$7,715,000 for the purpose of paying the costs of renovating and improving its existing courthouse and constructing an addition thereto, which has not yet been completed, and certain costs of issuing the bonds. The bond payable balance, as of June 30, 2017, was \$7,715,000. The County has the ability to levy taxes as necessary to cover the annual required principal and interest payments over the term of these bonds. Future tax payments will be used to pay off these bonds.

Total Future Payments on All Bonds:

Fiscal <u>End Ju</u>		Principal	Interest	<u>Totals</u>
	2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023-27 2028-32 2033-37	\$ $\begin{array}{r} 660,000\\ 670,000\\ 680,000\\ 675,000\\ 690,000\\ 3,690,000\\ 4,260,000\\ \underline{2,730,000}\end{array}$	\$ 391,093 383,496 373,708 361,553 347,515 1,474,120 874,089 <u>184,814</u>	\$ 1,051,093 1,053,496 1,053,708 1,036,553 1,037,515 5,164,120 5,134,089 <u>2,914,814</u>
Total		<u>14,055,000</u>	<u>4,390,388</u>	18,445,388

NOTE 12: RISK MANAGEMENT:

The County is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of; damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The County is a member of the Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association (NIRMA), a public entity risk pool currently operating as a common risk management and insurance program for 68 counties throughout Nebraska.

The County pays an annual deposit premium as calculated by the administrator of the pool. The premium is based on the losses and exposures of each County and the entire Pool.

If the Pool becomes insolvent or is otherwise unable to discharge its legal liabilities and other obligations, the County may be assessed by the Board for an additional contribution for the current fiscal year, divided by the contribution of all participants for such year, times the amount of such deficiency. Each such assessment, and the manner of calculating the same, shall be sent to each county in writing, and each county shall thereafter have sixty (60) days in which to pay the amount of such assessment. Each county shall remain liable for such assessments, regardless of such county's withdrawal from participation or the termination of the agreement, and for liabilities of the Pool incurred during such county's period of membership.

NOTE 12: RISK MANAGEMENT (CONCLUDED):

The agreement with NIRMA provides that NIRMA will provide coverage up to a maximum amount per occurrence and purchase commercial insurance for claims in excess of the coverage provided. In the event of a liability exceeding the commercial insurance, the County would be responsible for funding the excess amount.

	(NIRMA Coverage	 Maximum Coverage
Property Damage Claim	\$	250,000	Insured Value at Replacement Cost
General Liability Claim		300,000	\$ 5,000,000
Worker's Compensation Claim		500,000	Statutory Limits

The County has not paid any additional assessments to the Pool in the last three fiscal years and no assessments are anticipated for fiscal year 2017. The County has not had to pay out any amounts that exceeded coverage provided by the Pool in the last three fiscal years.

NOTE 13: COMMITMENTS:

The County is going to add on and remodel the courthouse. Saline County has signed construction commitments totaling \$8,027,193 and has paid \$6,526,343 as of June 30, 2017. The remaining \$1,500,850 will be paid out during the fiscal year June 30, 2018.

FOR THE YEA	AR E	ENDED JUNE	30,	2017				<i>,</i>
								Variance with Final Budget
		Original		Final		2017		Favorable
		Budget		Budget		Actual	((Unfavorable)
RECEIPTS	-		-		-		-	
Property Taxes	\$	6,566,273	\$	6,566,273	\$	6,171,325	\$	(394,948)
Licenses and Permits				0		1,200		1,200
Intergovernmental		56,400		56,400		543,544		487,144
Charges for Services		2,303,100		2,303,100		2,463,998		160,898
Interest		22,000		22,000		45,856		23,856
Miscellaneous	_	25,500	-	25,500	-	8,367	-	(17,133)
TOTAL RECEIPTS	_	8,973,273	-	8,973,273	-	9,234,290	_	261,017
DISBURSEMENTS								
General Government:								
Board of Supervisors		153,200		153,200		148,665		4,535
Clerk		206,321		206,321		186,578		19,743
Treasurer		294,780		294,780		281,386		13,394
Assessor		259,255		259,255		237,238		22,017
Election Commissioner		44,450		44,450		36,639		7,811
Planning & Zoning		38,944		38,944		33,854		5,090
Data Processing		27,000		27,000		24,826		2,174
Adminsitrative Services		30,100		30,100		25,036		5,064
Clerk of District Court		100,514		100,514		95,114		5,400
County Court System		18,000		18,000		14,298		3,702
Building & Grounds		192,500		192,500		155,378		37,122
Agricultural Extension Agent		155,857		155,857		145,404		10,453
Child Support Enforcement		371,584		371,584		45,401		326,183
Miscellaneous		5,908,897		5,908,897		2,232,456		3,676,441
Public Safety:								
Sheriff		807,206		807,206		803,355		3,851
County Attorney		218,921		218,921		191,364		27,557
Child Support Services		125,539		125,539		114,998		10,541
County Jail		1,736,869		1,736,869		1,619,317		117,552
911 Emergency		251,134		251,134		224,267		26,867
Emergency Management		69,450		69,450		59,739		9,711
Public Works:								
Highway Superintendent		152,100		152,100		140,035		12,065
Surveyor		32,200		32,200		27,702		4,498
Noxious Weed		54,648		54,648		50,425		4,223
Public Assistance:								
Veterans' Service Officer	-	41,815		41,815		39,385		2,430
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	-	11,291,284		11,291,284		6,932,860		4,358,424
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF RECEIPTS								
OVER DISBURSEMENTS	-	(2,318,011)		(2,318,011)		2,301,430		4,619,441
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)								
Transfers from Other Funds		750,000		750,000		1,531,544		781,544
Transfers to Other Funds		. 0		0		(4,045,385)		(4,045,385)
Net Change in Fund Balance		(1,568,011)		(1,568,011)		(212,411)		1,355,600
FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING		1,739,003		1,739,003		1,739,003		0
FUND BALANCES - ENDING	\$	170,992	\$	170,992	\$	1,526,592	\$	1,355,600

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017 Original Final										
	-	Budget		Budget	-	Actual	•	(Unfavorable)		
Receipts: Taxes Miscellaneous	\$	250,000 0	\$	250,000 0	\$	1,001,602 105,560	\$	751,602 105,560		
Total Receipts	-	250,000		250,000	-	1,107,162	-	857,162		
Disbursements		1,728,121		1,728,121	-	205,187		1,522,934		
Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts Over Disbursements		(1,478,121)		(1,478,121)	-	901,975		2,380,096		
Other Financing Sources: Transfer from other Fund Transfer to other Fund		20,000 (750,000)		20,000 (750,000)	-	648,000 (935,372)		628,000 (185,372)		
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses))	(730,000)		(730,000)		(287,372)		442,628		
Net Change In Fund Balance		(2,208,121)		(2,208,121)		614,603		2,822,724		
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year		2,208,121		2,208,121		2,208,121		0		
Fund Balance at End of Year	\$	0	\$	0	\$	2,822,724	\$	2,822,724		
ROAD FUND										
Receipts: License and Permits Intergovernmental Miscellaneous	\$	5,000 2,213,978 40,000	\$	5,000 2,213,978 40,000	\$	7,600 1,381,277 75,637	\$	2,600 (832,701) 35,637		
Total Receipts		2,258,978		2,258,978		1,464,514		(794,464)		
Disbursements		5,533,900		5,533,900		4,577,217		956,683		
Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts Over Disbursements		(3,274,922)		(3,274,922)		(3,112,703)		162,219		
Other Financing Sources: Transfer from other Fund Transfer to other Fund		2,888,000 0		2,888,000		4,601,719 _(1,666,000)		1,713,719 (1,666,000)		
Net Change in Fund Balance		(386,922)		(386,922)		(176,984)		209,938		
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year		587,784		587,784		587,784		0		
Fund Balance at End of Year	\$	6 <u>200,862</u> 21	44	200,862	\$	410,800	\$	209,938		

JAIL BOND		Original Budget	-	Final Budget	-	Actual		Variance with Final Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)
Receipts: Property Taxes Intergovernmental	\$	411,908 1,400	\$	411,908 1,400	\$	389,818 32,726	\$	(22,090) 31,326
Total Receipts		413,308	-	413,308	-	422,544		9,236
Disbursements Principal Interest		746,065 18,308	-	746,065 18,308	-	400,000 18,308	_	346,065 0
Total Disbursements		764,373	-	764,373	-	418,308	-	346,065
Net Change in Fund Balance		(351,065)		(351,065)		4,236		355,301
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year		351,065	-	351,065	-	351,065	-	0
Fund Balance at End of Year	\$	0	\$	0	\$	355,301	\$_	355,301
OTHER CAPITAL PROJECTS								
Receipts:	\$	0	\$	0	\$	0	\$_	0
Disbursements		4,580,938		4,580,938		3,677,816	-	903,122
Other Financing Sources: Transfer to other Fund		0		0		0	-	0
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	0		0		0	-	0
Net Change in Fund Balance		(4,580,938)		(4,580,938)		(3,677,816)		903,122
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year		4,580,938		4,580,938		4,580,938	-	0
Fund Balance at End of Year	\$	0	\$	0_	\$	903,122	\$	903,122

COURTHOUSE BUILDING BOND		Original Budget		Final Budget	_	Actual		Variance with Final Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)
Receipts: Real Estate Taxes Intergovernmental	\$	243,000 600	\$	243,000 600	\$	229,561 19,460	\$	(13,439) 18,860_
Total Receipts	_	243,600		243,600	_	249,021		5,421
Disbursements Interest Payments		269,707		269,707		237,527		32,180
Other Financing Sources (Uses): Transfer from Other Funds Transfer to Other Funds	_	0		0	_	222,500 (224,500)		222,500 (224,500)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	-	0		0		(2,000)		(2,000)
Net Change in Fund Balance		(26,107)		(26,107)		9,494		35,601
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	_	26,107		26,107	_	26,107		0
Fund Balance at End of Year	\$_	0	\$_	0	\$_	35,601	\$	35,601
HIGHWAY BOND								
Receipts: Intergovernmental	\$_	400,420	\$_	400,420	\$_	400,420	\$	00
Disbursements Principal Payments Interest Payments	_	489,951 141,037		489,951 141,037	_	260,000 141,037		229,951 0
Total Disbursements	-	630,988	_	630,988	_	401,037		229,951
Net Change in Fund Balance		(230,568)		(230,568)		(617)		229,951
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year		230,568	_	230,568	-	230,568		0
Fund Balance at End of Year	\$	0	\$_	0_	\$_	229,951	9	<u> 229,951 </u>

DISTRICT COURT - BAILIFF FUND	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)
Receipts: Intergovernmental	\$38,081	\$38,081	\$38,082_	\$1
Total Receipts	38,081	38,081	38,082	1
Disbursements	70,235	70,235	67,705	2,530
Other Financing Sources (Uses): Transfer from Other Funds	28,537	28,537	28,537	0
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	28,537	28,537	28,537_	0
Net Change in Fund Balance	(3,617)	(3,617)	(1,086)	2,531
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	8,513	8,513	8,513	0
Fund Balance at End of Year	\$4,896	\$4,896_	\$7,427_	\$ <u>2,531</u>
CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT FUND				
Receipts: Intergovernmental	\$0	\$0	\$1,387_	\$1,387
Total Receipts	0	0	1,387	1,387
Disbursements:	59,848	59,848	1,387	58,461
Net Change in Fund Balance	(59,848)	(59,848)	0	59,848
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	59,848	59,848	59,848	0
Fund Balance at End of Year	\$0	\$0	\$59,848_	\$59,848_
VISITOR PROMOTION FUND				
Receipts: Taxes	\$13,077	\$13,077_	\$11,964_	\$(1,113)
Disbursements	39,000	39,000	14,980	24,020
Net Change in Fund Balance	(25,923)	(25,923)	(3,016)	22,907
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	25,923	25,923	25,923	0
Fund Balance at End of Year	\$0	\$0	\$22,907_	\$22,907_

VISITORS IMPROVEMENT FUND	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)
Receipts: Taxes	\$ 11,829	\$ 11,829	\$5,981_	\$(5,848)
Disbursements	27,000	27,000	11,369	15,631
Other Financing Sources (Uses): Transfer to Other Funds	0	0	0	0
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	0	0	0	0
Net Change in Fund Balance	(15,171)	(15,171)	(5,388)	9,783
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	15,171	15,171	15,171	0
Fund Balance at End of Year	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>9,783</u>	\$ <u>9,783</u>
REAPPRAISAL FUND				
Receipts: Miscellaneous	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Disbursements	65,850	65,850	40,062	25,788
Other Financing Sources (Uses): Transfer from Other Funds	64,552	64,552	38,800	(25,752)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	64,552	64,552	38,800	(25,752)
Net Change in Fund Balance	(1,298)	(1,298)	(1,262)	36
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	1,298	1,298	1,298	0
Fund Balance at End of Year	\$0	\$	\$ <u>36</u> _	\$ <u>36</u> _
JUVENILE SERVICES AND GRANT	-			
Receipts: Intergovernmental	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$ <u>11,378</u>	\$(13,622)
Disbursements	25,000	25,000	8,386	16,614
Other Financing Sources (Uses): Transfer from Other Funds Transfer to Other Funds	0	0	62 (62)	62 (62)
Net Change in Fund Balance	0	0	2,992	2,992
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	0	0	0	0
Fund Balance at End of Year	\$0	\$0	\$2,992_	\$2,992_

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)
Receipts: Miscellaneous	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Disbursements	40,000	40,000	2,502	37,498
Other Financing Sources (Uses): Transfer from Other Funds	37,394	37,394	0	(37,394)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	37,394	37,394	0	(37,394)
Net Change in Fund Balance	(2,606)	(2,606)	(2,502)	104
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	2,606	2,606	2,606	0
Fund Balance at End of Year	\$	\$	\$ <u>104</u>	\$ <u>104</u>
VETERANS' AID FUND Receipts:	_		^	¢ 0
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$	\$	\$
Total Receipts	0	0	2	2
Disbursements	5,327	5,327	0	5,327
Net Change in Fund Balance	(5,327)	(5,327)	2	5,329
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	5,327	5,327	5,327	0
Fund Balance at End of Year	\$0	\$0	\$5,329_	\$ <u>5,329</u>
DRUG LAW ENFORCEMENT				
Receipts: Miscellaneous	\$100_	\$100	\$0	\$(100)
Disbursements	100	100	0	100
Other Financing Sources (Uses): Transfer from Other Funds	0_	0	0	0
Net Change in Fund Balance	0	0	0	0
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	0	0	0	0
Fund Balance at End of Year	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

SENIOR SERVICES FUND		Original Budget	_	Final Budget		Actual	F	ariance with inal Budget Favorable Infavorable)
Receipts: Intergovernmental Miscellaneous	\$	99,639 16,768	\$	99,639 16,768	\$	106,647 2,438	\$	7,008 (14,330)
Total Receipts	_	116,407		116,407		109,085	_	(7,322)
Disbursements		138,679	_	138,679	_	130,217		8,462
Other Financing Sources (Uses): Transfer from Other Fund	_	5,072		5,072	_	9,242	_	4,170
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	_	5,072		5,072	_	9,242		4,170
Net Change in Fund Balance		(17,200)		(17,200)		(11,890)		5,310
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	-	17,212	_	17,212	_	17,212		0
Fund Balance at End of Year	\$_	12_	\$_	12	\$_	5,322	\$	5,310
JUVENILE DIVERSION	-							
Receipts: Intergovernmental	\$_	1,405	\$_	1,405	\$_	500	\$	(905)
Total Receipts	_	1,405		1,405	_	500	_	(905)
Disbursements	-	9,500		9,500	_	247		9,253
Net Change in Fund Balance		(8,095)		(8,095)		253		8,348
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	-	8,095	_	8,095	_	8,095	_	0
Fund Balance at End of Year	\$_	0	\$_	0	\$_	8,348	\$	8,348
VETERANS' MEMORIAL FUND	-							
Receipts: Taxes	\$_	0	\$_	0	\$_	5,886	\$	5,886
Disbursements	-	23,940		23,940	_	15,035	_	8,905
Other Financing Sources (Uses): Transfer from Other Funds	-	5,542	_	5,542	_	0	_	(5,542)
Net Change in Fund Balance		(18,398)		(18,398)		(9,149)		9,249
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	-	18,398	_	18,398	-	18,398	-	0
Fund Balance at End of Year	\$_	0	\$_	0	\$_	9,249	\$_	9,249

HOMELAND SECURITY FUND	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)
Receipts: Intergovernmental	\$26,373_	\$26,373	\$0	\$(26,373)
Total Receipts	26,373	26,373	0	(26,373)
Disbursements	27,000	27,000	0	27,000
Net Change in Fund Balance	(627)	(627)	0	627
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	627	627	627	0
Fund Balance at End of Year	\$0	\$ <u> 0 </u>	\$627	\$627_
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FUND	_			
Receipts: Receipts Over Disbursements	\$37,000	\$37,000_	\$5,676_	\$(31,324)
Disbursements	57,735	57,735	13,180	44,555
Other Financing Sources (Uses): Transfer to Other Fund		0	0	0
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	0	0	0	0
Net Change in Fund Balance	(20,735)	(20,735)	(7,504)	13,231
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	40,735	40,735	40,735	0
Fund Balance at End of Year	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$ <u>33,231</u>	\$ <u>13,231</u>
WIRELESS SERVICE - HOLDING	_			
Receipts:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Disbursements	219,812	219,812	17,575	202,237
Other Financing Sources (Uses): Transfer from Other Fund	44,539	44,539	45,021	482_
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	44,539	44,539	45,021	482
Net Change in Fund Balance	(175,273)	(175,273)	27,446	202,719
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	175,273	175,273	175,273	0
Fund Balance at End of Year	\$0	\$0	\$	\$ <u>202,719</u>

DRUG COURT FUND		Original Budget	_	Final Budget		Actual	F	′ariance with Final Budget Favorable Jnfavorable)
Receipts: Intergovernmental	\$_	16,118	\$_	16,118	\$_	19,568	\$_	3,450
Disbursements	-	26,500		26,500		25,242		1,258
Other Financing Sources (Uses): Transfer from Other Fund	-	6,194		6,194	_	6,194		0
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	_	6,194		6,194		6,194	_	0
Net Change in Fund Balance		(4,188)		(4,188)		520		4,708
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	_	5,886		5,886	_	5,886	_	0
Fund Balance at End of Year	\$_	1,698	\$	1,698	\$_	6,406	\$_	4,708
GRANT FUND								
Receipts: Intergovernmental	\$_	100,000	\$	100,000	\$_	9,215	\$_	(90,785)
Total Receipts	_	100,000	_	100,000	_	9,215	_	(90,785)
Disbursements	-	103,018	_	103,018	_	14,468	_	88,550
Other Financing Sources: Transfer from other Fund Transfer to other Fund	-	0		0 0	_	11,500 _(8,500)		11,500 (8,500)
Net Change in Fund Balance		(3,018)		(3,018)		(2,253)		765
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	-	3,018	_	3,018	_	3,018	<u></u>	0
Fund Balance at End of Year	\$_	0	\$_	0	\$_	765	\$_	765
EMPLOYEE WELLNESS FUND	_							
Receipts: Intergovernmental	\$_	3,000	\$	3,000	\$_	5,150	\$_	2,150
Disbursements	-	35,569		35,569	_	22,223	_	13,346
Other Financing Sources (Uses): Transfer from Other Fund	-	30,843	_	30,843	_	26,000	_	(4,843)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	-	30,843	_	30,843	_	26,000	_	(4,843)
Net Change in Fund Balance		(1,726)		(1,726)		8,927		10,653
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	-	1,726	_	1,726	-	1,726		0
Fund Balance at End of Year	\$	00	\$_	0	\$_	10,653	\$_	10,653

911 WIRELESS SERVICES FUND	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)
Receipts: Taxes	\$60,000_	\$60,000	\$60,374_	\$374_
Disbursements	63,291	63,291	14,466	48,825
Other Financing Sources (Uses): Transfer to Other Fund	(44,539)	(44,539)	(45,502)	(963)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(44,539)	(44,539)	(45,502)	(963)
Net Change in Fund Balance	(47,830)	(47,830)	406	48,236
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	47,830	47,830	47,830	0
Fund Balance at End of Year	\$0	\$ <u> 0</u>	\$ <u>48,236</u>	\$ <u>48,236</u>
COMMISSARY FUND				
Receipts: Miscellaneous	\$ 127,771	\$	\$155,792_	\$28,021_
Disbursements	350,000	350,000	152,298	197,702
Net Change in Fund Balance	(222,229)	(222,229)	3,494	225,723
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	222,229	222,229	222,229	0
Fund Balance at End of Year	\$0	\$	\$ <u>225,723</u>	\$ <u>225,723</u>
HIGHWAY BRIDGE BUYBACK				
Receipts: Intergovernmental	\$ 323,789	\$	\$323,789	\$0
Total Receipts	323,789	323,789	323,789	0
Disbursements Capital Outlay	1,147,909	1,147,909	657,943	489,966
Total Disbursements	1,147,909	1,147,909	657,943	489,966
Net Change in Fund Balance	(824,120)	(824,120)	(334,154)	489,966
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	824,120	824,120	824,120	0
Fund Balance at End of Year	\$0	\$0	\$489,966	\$489,966

CRIME PREVENTION FUND		Original Budget		Final Budget	-	Actual	ļ	/ariance with Final Budget Favorable Unfavorable)
Receipts: Intergovernmental	\$_	24,664	\$_	24,664	\$_	34,791	\$	10,127
Total Receipts	-	24,664		24,664	_	34,791		10,127
Disbursements	-	122,000		122,000	_	10,666		111,334
Net Change in Fund Balance		(97,336)		(97,336)		24,125		121,461
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	-	97,336	_	97,336	_	97,336	_	0
Fund Balance at End of Year	\$ _	00	\$	0	\$_	121,461	\$_	121,461
INFRA DAMAGE/DISASTER FUND								
Receipts:	\$_	0	\$	0	\$_	0	\$_	0
Total Receipts	-	0		0	-	0	_	0
Disbursements	-	1,100		1,100	_	0	_	1,100
Net Change in Fund Balance		(1,100)		(1,100)		0		1,100
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	-	1,100	_	1,100	_	1,100	-	0
Fund Balance at End of Year	\$ _	0	\$_	0	\$_	1,100	\$_	1,100
COUNTY BUILDING FUND								
Receipts: Miscellaneous	\$	0	\$_	0	\$_	140	\$_	140
Disbursements	-	23,399		23,399	-	82,533	_	(59,134)
Other Financing Sources (Uses): Transfer from Other Fund Transfer to Other Fund		0 0		0	-	323,720 (250,000)	-	323,720 (250,000)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)		0	••••	0	-	73,720	-	73,720
Net Change in Fund Balance		(23,399)		(23,399)		(8,673)		14,726
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year		23,399	_	23,399	-	23,399_	-	0
Fund Balance at End of Year	\$	0	\$_	0	\$	14,726	\$_	14,726

E911 FUND	Original Budget		Final Budget		Actual		Variance with Final Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)				
Receipts: Taxes	\$	28,877	\$	28,877	\$_	29,919	\$_	1,042			
Disbursements		120,000		120,000		58,395	_	61,605			
Net Change in Fund Balance		(91,123)		(91,123)		(28,476)		62,647			
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year		91,123		91,123		91,123		0			
Fund Balance at End of Year	\$_	0	\$_	0	\$_	62,647	\$_	62,647			
REGISTER OF DEEDS PRESERVATION AND MODERNIZATION											
Receipts: Charges for Services	\$	9,000	\$_	9,000	\$	8,511	\$_	(489)			
Total Receipts	_	9,000	-	9,000	_	8,511	_	(489)			
Disbursements	_	24,795	_	24,795	_	1,140	_	23,655			
Net Change in Fund Balance		(15,795)		(15,795)		7,371		23,166			
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	_	15,795	_	15,795	_	15,795	_	0			
Fund Balance at End of Year	\$_	0	\$_	0	\$_	23,166	\$_	23,166			
EMERGENCY BRIDGE FUND			·								
Receipts: Intergovernmental	\$_	0	\$_	0	\$_	12	\$_	12			
Disbursements	_	173,233		173,233		0	_	173,233			
Other Financing Sources (Uses): Transfer to Other Fund	-	0	_	0	-	(173,233)	-	(173,233)			
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	-	0	_	0	_	(173,233)	-	(173,233)			
Net Change in Fund Balance		(173,233)		(173,233)		(173,221)		12			
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	-	173,233		173,233	-	173,233	-	0			
Fund Balance at End of Year	\$_	0	\$_	0	\$_	12	\$_	12			
SALINE COUNTY BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL NONMAJOR FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

SPECIAL ROAD FUND	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)
Total Receipts	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Disbursements	144,285	144,285	0	144,285
Other Financing Sources (Uses): Transfer to Other Fund	0	0	(144,285)	(144,285)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	0	0	(144,285)	(144,285)
Net Change in Fund Balance	(144,285)	(144,285)	(144,285)	0
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	144,285	144,285	144,285	0
Fund Balance at End of Year	\$0	\$	\$0	\$0
FED DRUG LAW ENFORCEMENT	-			
Receipts:	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0	\$(2,000)
Disbursements	2,000	2,000	0	2,000
Net Change in Fund Balance	0	0	0	0
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	0	0	0	0
Fund Balance at End of Year	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$

SALINE COUNTY COMBINING STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

	Total Nonmajor Governmenta Funds		District Court - Bailiff Fund		Child Support Enforcement Fund	_	Visitors Promotion Fund	Visitor Improvement Fund
Receipts: Taxes Intergovernmental	\$	7	38,082	\$	1,387	\$	11,964	\$ 5,981
Charges for Service Miscellaneous	158,37					-		
Total Receipts	837,20	2	38,082		1,387	_	11,964	5,981
Disbursements: General Government Public Safety	929,43 384,01	5	67,705		1,387			
Public Health Culture and Recreation	22,22 26,34					-	14,980	11,369
Total Disbursements	1,362,01	9	67,705		1,387	-	14,980	11,369
Other Financing Sources Transfers In Transfers Out	489,07 (621,58		28,537	-		-		0
Total Other Financing Sources	(132,50	6)	28,537	-	0	-	0	0
Net Change in Fund Balance	(657,32	3)	(1,086)	I	0		(3,016)	(5,388)
Fund Balances at Beginning of Year	2,030,10	6	8,513	-	59,848	-	25,923	15,171
Fund Balances at End of Year	\$ <u>1,372,78</u>	<u>3</u> \$	7,427	\$	59,848	\$_	22,907	\$ 9,783

F	Reappraisal Fund	Employment Security	Veterans' Aid Fund	Senior Services Fund	Juvenile Diversion	Drug Court Fund	Grant Fund	Homeland Security Fund
\$	0	\$ <u>0</u>	\$2	\$ \$ 106,647 2,438	500	\$ \$ 19,568	\$ 9,215	\$
	0	0	2	109,085	500	19,568	9,215	0
	40,062	2,502	0	130,217	247	25,242	14,468	
_	40,062	2,502	0	130,217	247	25,242	14,468	0
	38,800	0		9,242		6,194	11,500 (8,500)	
	38,800	0		9,242		6,194	3,000	0
	(1,262)	(2,502)	2	(11,890)	253	520	(2,253)	0
	1,298	2,606	5,327	17,212	8,095	5,886	3,018	627

	Emergency Preparedness Fund		911 Wireless Services Fund	-	Commissary Fund	Crime Prevention Fund	ír 	nfra Damage/ Disaster Fund	-	E911 Fund	-	Register of Deeds Preservation and Modernization	-	Emergency Bridge Fund
\$	5,676	\$	60,374	\$	155,792	\$ 34,791 0	\$		\$	29,919	\$	8,511	\$	12
-	5,676	_	60,374	-	155,792	34,791	_	0	-	29,919	-	8,511	-	12
	13,180		14,466		152,298	10,666				58,395		1,140		
-	13,180	-	14,466		152,298	10,666	_	0	-	58,395	-	1,140	-	0
	0	_	(45,502)	-					-				-	(173,233)
	0	_	(45,502)		0	0	_	0	-	0		0	-	(173,233)
	(7,504)		406		3,494	24,125		0		(28,476)		7,371		(173,221)
	40,735	_	47,830		222,229	97,336	_	1,100		91,123		15,795	_	173,233
\$	33,231	\$_	48,236	\$	225,723	\$ 121,461	\$_	1,100	\$	62,647	\$	23,166	\$	12

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Special Road Fund	_	County Building Fund	_	Highway Buyback		Employee Wellness		Wireless Service	-	Veterans Memorial	_	Juvenile Services
\$	\$		\$	323,789	\$	5,150	\$		\$	5,886	\$	11,378
		140			_		_		-		_	
00	-	140	_	323,789	_	5,150	_	0	-	5,886	_	11,378
		82,533		657,943		22,223		17,575		15,035		8,386
0	_	82,533	_	657,943		22,223	_	17,575	-	15,035	-	8,386
(144,285)	_	323,720 (250,000)	_			26,000	_	45,021	-	0	-	62 (62)
(144,285)	_	73,720	_	0	_	26,000	_	45,021	-	0	-	0
(144,285)		(8,673)		(334,154)		8,927		27,446		(9,149)		2,992
144,285	_	23,399		824,120		1,726	-	175,273		18,398	-	0
\$ 0	\$ ₌	14,726	\$_	489,966	\$_	10,653	\$_	202,719	\$	9,249	\$_	2,992

SALINE COUNTY CLERK WILBER, NEBRASKA SCHEDULE OF OFFICE ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

ASSETS		Balance July 1, 2016	-	Additions	-	Deductions	Ji	Balance une 30, 2017
Cash Deposits Accounts Rèceivable	\$	702 11,986 1,970	\$	(455) 210,063 (1,838)	\$	212,076 (436)	\$	247 9,973 568
Total Assets	=	14,658	=	207,770	=	211,640	=	10,788
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES								
Liabilities: Due to State Treasurer: Documentary stamp tax Title Fees Game and Park Fees Total Liabilities	-	7,244 7 66 7,317	-	110,816 54 1,298 112,168	-	113,568 31 1,219 114,818		4,492 30 145 4,667
Fund Balances: Unreserved, Undesignated Due to County Treasurer: Recording Fees Documentary Stamp Tax Miscellaneous Due to Preservation Fund	_	4,545 2,069 0 727	-	55,326 31,658 67 8,551		55,736 32,444 58 8,584	_	4,135 1,283 9 694
Total Fund Balances	-	7,341	-	95,602		96,822	. <u> </u>	6,121
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$_	14,658	\$_	207,770	\$	211,640	\$_	10,788

SALINE COUNTY CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT WILBER, NEBRASKA SCHEDULE OF OFFICE ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

ASSETS	Balance July 1, 2016	Additions	Deductions	Balance June 30, 2017
ABOETO				
Deposits	\$	\$\$\$\$	310,046	\$ 82,563
Total Assets	70,354	322,255	310,046	82,563
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES				
Liabilities: Due to State Treasurer:				
State Fees	1,232	22,244	21,489	1,987
Trust	67,945	268,564	257,552	78,957
State Judges Retirement	96	1,804	1,790	110
Total Due to State Treasurer	69,273	292,612	280,831	81,054
Total Liabilities	69,273	292,612	280,831	81,054
Fund Balances: Unreserved, Undesignated				
Due to County Treasurer:	1,081	29,643	29,215	1,509
Regular Fees	1,001	23,043	23,213	1,009
Total Fund Balances	1,081	29,643	29,215	1,509
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$70,354	\$ <u>322,255</u> \$	310,046	\$ <u>82,563</u> _

SALINE COUNTY SHERIFF WILBER, NEBRASKA SCHEDULE OF OFFICE ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

ASSETS	-	Balance July 1, 2016	Additions	-	Deductions	J	Balance lune 30, 2017
Cash Deposits Accounts Receivable/Prepayments	\$	895 3,478 707	\$ 708 69,641 <u>(1,858)</u>	\$	69,062	\$ _	1,603 4,057 (1,151)
Total Assets	=	5,080	68,491	=	69,062	=	4,509
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES							
Liabilities: Cost Refunds	-	1,154	4,189	-	4,189		1,154
Total Liabilities	-	1,154	4,189	-	4,189	_	1,154
Fund Balances: Unreserved, Undesignated Due to County Treasurer:							
Writ Fees		1,931	19,469		19,882		1,518
Inspections Fees, Commissions, Mileage		430	6,340		6,310		460
and Miscellaneous	-	1,565	38,493		38,681	_	1,377
Total Fund Balances	-	3,926	64,302		64,873	-	3,355
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$_	5,080	\$ 68,491	\$	69,062	\$_	4,509

SALINE COUNTY ATTORNEY WILBER, NEBRASKA SCHEDULE OF OFFICE ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

ASSETS	Balance July 1, 2016	Additions	Deductions	Balance June 30, 2017
Deposits	\$2,205_	\$15,190_	\$14,980_	\$2,415_
Total Assets	2,205	15,190	14,980	2,415
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES				
Liabilities: Restitution Payable	46	7,512	7,512	46
Total Liabilities	46	7,512	7,512	46
Fund Balances: Unreserved, Undesignated Due to County Treasurer:				
Bad Check Fee	0	450	450	0
Collection Fees	2,159	7,228	7,018	2,369
Total Fund Balances	2,159	7,678	7,468	2,369
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$2,205_	\$15,190_	\$14,980_	\$2,415_

SALINE COUNTY VETERANS' AID WILBER, NEBRASKA SCHEDULE OF OFFICE ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

400570	Balance July 1, 2016	Additions	Deductions	Balance June 30, 2017
ASSETS				
Deposits	\$3,092	\$0	\$925_	\$2,167
Total Assets	3,092	0	925	2,167
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES				
Total Liabilities	0	0	0	0
Fund Balances:				
Reserved for Specific Purposes: Trust Fund Benefits for Veterans	3,092	0	925	2,167
Total Fund Balances	3,092	0	925	2,167
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$3,092_	\$0	\$925_	\$2,167

SALINE COUNTY INMATE TRUST ACCOUNT WILBER, NEBRASKA SCHEDULE OF OFFICE ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

ASSETS	Balance July 1, 2016	Additions	Deductions	Balance June 30, 2017
Cash on Hand Deposits	\$ 690 1,493	\$ (690) 392,144	\$0 	\$0 3,608
Total Assets	2,183	391,454	390,029	3,608
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES				
Liabilities: Commissary	2,183	235,662	234,237	3,608
Total Liabilities	2,183	235,662	234,237	3,608
Fund Balances: Unreserved, Undesignated Due to County Treasurer:				
Commissary	0	155,792	155,792	0
Total Fund Balances	0	155,792	155,792	0
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$ <u>2,183</u>	\$391,454	\$390,029	\$3,608_

SALINE COUNTY INMATE BOARDING ACCOUNT WILBER, NEBRASKA SCHEDULE OF OFFICE ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

ASSETS	Balance July 1, 2016	Additions	Deductions	Balance June 30, 2017
Accounts Receivable	\$ 132,449	\$_1,684,130_	\$_1,644,154	\$
Total Assets	132,449_	1,684,130	1,644,154	172,425
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES Total Liabilities	0	0	0	0_
Fund Balances: Unreserved, Undesignated Due to County Treasurer: Prisoner Housing	132,449	1,684,130	1,644,154	172,425
Total Fund Balances	132,449	1,684,130	1,644,154	172,425
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$ <u>132,449</u>	\$ <u>1,684,130</u>	\$ <u>_1,644,154</u> _	\$172,425

SALINE COUNTY EXTENSION WILBER, NEBRASKA SCHEDULE OF OFFICE ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

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ASSETS	 Balance July 1, 2016		Additions	-	Deductions	Balance June 30, 2017	
Petty Cash Deposits	\$ 231 6,844	\$	(156) 18,517	\$	18,407	\$ 	75 6,954
Total Assets	 7,075	=	18,361	=	18,407	_	7,029
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES Total Liabilities	 0	_	0	-	00		0
Fund Balances: Unreserved, Undesignated Due to County Treasurer: Refunds and Reimbursements	7,075		18,361		18,407		7,029
Total Fund Balances	 7,075	-	18,361	-	18,407		7,029
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$ 7,075	\$_	18,361	\$	18,407	\$	7,029

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

County Board of Commissioners Saline County Wilber, Nebraska

We have audited, in accordance with the 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 financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of Saline County, Nebraska as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated December 21, 2017. The report states that the financial statements were prepared on the cash basis of accounting, which is a comprehensive 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 statements, we considered Saline County, Nebraska'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 opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Saline County, Nebraska's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Saline County, Nebraska's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph 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 and, therefore, as discussed below, 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 County's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. We consider the following deficiency to be a material weakness:

Internal Control over Financial Reporting, continued

 The County offices had a lack of segregation of duties since one person could handle all aspects of processing a transaction from beginning to end. Good internal control includes a plan of organization, procedures, and records designed to safeguard assets and provide reliable financial records. Due to a limited number of personnel, an adequate segregation of duties is not possible without additional cost.

County's Response: We are aware of this concern and understand that it is at times impossible for proper segregation of duties due to limited staff. It is correct to say that funds are also limited to hire more staffing to separate these duties.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Saline County, Nebraska's financial statements are 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 matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Additional Items

We also noted matters that we reported to the management of Saline County in a separate letter dated December 21, 2017.

Saline County's Response to Findings

Saline County's response to the findings identified in our audit is described above. Saline County's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements 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 Saline County, Nebraska'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 County's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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MANAGEMENT LETTER

December 21, 2017

Board of Supervisors Saline County Wilber, Nebraska

During the course of our audit of the financial statements of Saline County for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017, we noted the following items we wish to bring to your attention:

COUNTY OVERALL

Segregation of Duties

Good internal control includes a plan of organization, procedures, and records designed to safeguard assets and provide reliable financial records. A system of internal control should include a proper segregation of duties so no one individual is capable of handling all phases of a transaction from beginning to end.

During our examination we noted the following:

• The offices of the County each had a lack of segregation of duties since one person could handle all aspects of processing a transaction from beginning to end. Due to a limited number of personnel, an adequate segregation of duties is not possible without additional cost. This was also noted in prior audits.

A lack of segregation of duties contributes to an increased risk of loss, theft, or misuse of funds.

We recommend the County review this situation. As always, the County must weigh the cost of hiring additional personnel versus the benefit of proper segregation of duties.

Other Audit Findings or Issues

Saline County offices of Clerk, Clerk of District Court, Sheriff and Detention Center had small issues detected and communicated with each office.

The Clerk of District Court, Sheriff and the Detention Center each had checks outstanding for more than three years. There are over 500 checks totaling \$2,669.28 that need to be remitted to the state treasurer. The state requires counties to remit the funds to the Nebraska State Treasurer if a check is not cashed within three years.

The Clerk of District Court, Sheriff and the Detention Center have noninterest bearing checking accounts and it is required to use the county funds to its fullest ability, thus, it is required to have interest bearing accounts.

A check was found in the Clerk's office that did not have the endorsement for deposit only. It is required to mark checks for deposit only when received. If checks are not marked for deposit only when received it becomes susceptible to fraud or mishandling.

Lastly, the Clerk's office did not remit fees to the Treasurer timely for one month. The Clerk must remit the fees timely and orderly.

It should be noted this report is critical in nature since it contains only our comments and recommendations on the areas noted for improvement and does not include our observations on any strong features of the County.

We appreciate the cooperation and courtesy extended to our auditors during the course of the audit.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the County, the appropriate Federal and regulatory agencies, and citizens of the State of Nebraska, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Sincerely,

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December 21, 2017

County Board of Commissioners Saline County Wilber, Nebraska

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Saline County for the year ended June 30, 2017. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our letter to you dated August 2, 2017. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

Significant Audit Findings

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by Saline County are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during fiscal year 2017. We noted no transactions entered into by the governmental unit during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected.

The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear.

Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit.

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are clearly trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. No misstatements detected as a result of audit procedures and corrected by management were material, either individually or in the aggregate, to each opinion unit's financial statements taken as a whole.

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, a disagreement with management is a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. No such disagreements arose during the course of the audit.

Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated December 21, 2017.

Other Audit Findings or Issues

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as Saline County's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

Other Matters

With respect to the supplementary information accompanying the financial statements, we made certain inquiries of management and evaluated the form, content, and methods of preparing the information to determine that the information complies with the cash basis of accounting described in Note 1 of the financial statements, the method of preparing it has not changed from the prior period, and the information is appropriate and complete in relation to our audit of the financial statements. We compared and reconciled the supplementary information to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves.

Restriction on Use

This information is intended solely for the use of the County Board of Commissioners and management of Saline County and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,

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