

**Hall County**

**Financial Report**

**For the Year Ended June 30, 2017**

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# Hall County

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## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

County Board of Supervisors  
Hall County  
Grand Island, 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 Hall County, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements which collectively comprise Hall County's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

### **Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements**

Hall County's 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 fraud or error.

### **Auditor's 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.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's 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 entity'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 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 statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit 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 Hall County, as of June 30, 2017, and the respective changes in financial position-cash basis, thereof for the year then ended on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

## **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 for governments in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

## **Other Matters**

### *Required Supplementary Information*

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that management's discussion and analysis on pages 4 through 10 and the budgetary comparison information on pages 32 through 39 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

### *Other Information*

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise Hall County's basic financial statements. The additional schedules located on pages 40 through 48, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements.

The additional schedules located on pages 40 through 48 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. The 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 or to 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 additional schedules located on pages 40 through 48 are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

#### Other Information

The cash basis financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Hall County for the year ended June 30, 2016, were audited by another auditor, who has merged with operations with Lutz & Company, P.C., who expressed an unmodified opinion on those statements on January 2, 2017.

#### **Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards***

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated November 22, 2017, on our consideration of Hall County'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 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 Hall County's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

*Lutz & Company, P.C.*

Lutz & Company, P.C.  
Grand Island, Nebraska  
November 22, 2017

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## Management's Discussion and Analysis

June 30, 2017

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This section of Hall County, Nebraska's financial report presents a narrative overview and analysis of Hall County's financial performance during the fiscal year that ended on June 30, 2017. Please read it in conjunction with the County's financial statements, which follow this section.

### OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This discussion and analysis are intended to serve as an introduction to Hall County's basic financial statements. The County's basic financial statements have three components: 1) government-wide financial statements; 2) fund financial statements; and 3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains information in addition to the basic financial statements. The report consists of five parts: 1) Management's Discussion and Analysis (this section), 2) the Basic Financial Statements – Cash Basis, 3) Other Supplementary Information - Budgetary Comparison, and 4) Other Supplementary Information.

**Government-Wide Financial Statements.** The Statement of Net Position - Cash Basis and the Statement of Activities - Cash Basis provide a broad overview of the County's overall financial status. The County's financial statements are prepared on the cash basis of accounting and do not include capital assets, accounts receivable and payable, or long-term debt activity, which would need to be considered to assess the overall health of the County. Non-financial factors also need to be considered to assess the overall health of the County.

The Statement of Net Position – Cash Basis presents information on all of the County's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in the County's net position may serve as one indicator of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating.

The Statement of Activities – Cash Basis demonstrates the degree to which the direct disbursements of a given function or segment are 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 or segment and (2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported, instead, as general receipts.

The Stuhr Museum of the Prairie Pioneer (Stuhr Museum) and the Hall County Convention and Visitors' Bureau are component units of the County because of the significance of their relationship with the County. Condensed financial statements of both entities as of June 30, 2017 are presented in the notes to the financial statements; see Note 9 and Note 10 for further information. A complete copy of each entities' financial statements are on file with the Hall County Clerk.

**Fund Financial Statements.** Fund financial statements focus on the individual parts of the County, reporting the County's operations in more detail than the government-wide statements by providing information about the County's most significant "major" funds. Funds are accounting devices used to keep track of specific sources of funding and spending for particular purposes.

The governmental fund statements tell how general governmental activities were financed in the short-term as well as what remains for future spending.

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Fiduciary fund statements provide information about financial relationships to which the County acts solely as a trustee or agent for the benefit of others. Fiduciary funds are not included on the government-wide statements.

**Notes to the Financial Statements.** The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of the government-wide and fund financial statements and provide essential information necessary for fair presentation of the financial statements.

**Supplementary Information.** This Management Discussion and Analysis and the Budgetary Comparison Schedules represent financial information which provides users of this report with additional data that supplements the government-wide statements, fund financial statements, and notes. This report also includes optional financial information such as combining schedules for non-major funds (which are shown in the fund financial statements in a single column) and fiduciary funds; budgetary comparison information for disbursements by departments of the General Fund; and a schedule of taxes certified and collected for political subdivisions in the County. This information is provided to address certain specific needs of various users of the report.

### **BASIS OF ACCOUNTING**

The County's financial statements are presented on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Basis of accounting is a reference to when financial events are recorded, such as the timing for recognizing revenues, expenses, and related assets and liabilities. Under the cash basis of accounting, receipts and disbursements and related assets and liabilities are recorded when they result from cash transactions.

As a result of the use of the cash basis of accounting, certain assets and their related revenues (such as accounts receivable and revenue for billed or provided services not yet collected) and certain liabilities and their related expenses (such as accounts payable and expenses for goods or services received but not yet paid, and accrued expenses and liabilities) are not recorded in these financial statements. Also, capital assets (land, buildings, furniture, equipment, and infrastructure) and the related depreciation are not recorded. Therefore, when reviewing the financial information and discussion within this report, the reader should keep in mind the limitations resulting from the use of the cash basis of accounting.

### **FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS (Detailed Information Follows Later in this *Discussion & Analysis*)**

- Governmental activities cash position at June 30, 2017 was \$24,838,858 compared with \$33,090,004 at June 30, 2016. This was a decrease of \$8,251,146 or 25%.
- General fund expenditures and transfers were \$28,159,423 for the current fiscal year, compared with \$27,057,656 at June 30, 2016. This is an increase of \$1,101,767 or 4%.
- Federal program expenditures were \$705,080 for the current fiscal year, compared with \$1,089,820 at June 30, 2016. This is a decrease of \$384,740 or 35.3%.

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- Major capital projects of the County included the following:
  - Road Improvement Projects \$979,373
  - Road Equipment Purchases, Bridge Repair, and Engineering Fees \$722,072
  - Courthouse HVAC Project \$640,352
  - Public Defender Office Remodel \$128,643
  - County Attorney Building Roofing Project \$45,460
  - Federal Building Improvements \$70,676
  - Federal Building Fiber \$70,624
  - Courthouse Carpeting \$53,681

### FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE COUNTY AS A WHOLE

#### Governmental Activities

The results of operations for the County indicate an improving financial position. Although receipts decreased and disbursements increased over the prior year, this include an advance refunding of the Series 2011 Bond where the refunding was received in the prior year and the retirement was in the current year. When factoring out these items, an overall increase in the net position of the County occurred strengthening the financial position.

The largest single source of receipts for the County is property taxes. The County's property taxes recorded in the governmental funds for 2015-2016 were \$18,844,232 and for 2016-2017, it increased by \$602,773 to \$19,447,005.

In 2015-2016, the County's assessed valuation was \$5,182,755,879. In 2016-2017, it increased by \$303,600,713 to \$5,486,356,592.

The County follows GASB 54 standards for the classification of fund balances in governmental funds. See Note 1 and 14 for more information describing the classification of fund balances.

The following table represents the Summary of Net Position and how it compares to the prior year.

	<u>2016-2017</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Total Assets	\$ 24,838,858	\$ 33,090,004	(\$8,251,146)	(24.9%)
Total Liabilities	459,501	339,359	120,142	35.4%
Total Net Position	24,379,357	32,750,645	(8,371,288)	(25.6%)
Total Restricted Net Position	3,392,567	13,258,330	(9,865,763)	(74.4%)
Total Unrestricted Net Position	20,986,790	19,492,315	1,494,475	7.7%



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The following table represents the Statement of Activities and how it compares to the prior year.

	<u>2016-2017</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
<b>Receipts</b>				
Program Receipts				
Fees and Charges for Services	\$ 13,348,281	\$ 13,247,620	\$ 100,661	0.8%
Operating Grants and Contributions	1,250,841	955,661	295,180	30.9%
Capital Grants and Contributions	202,112	290,789	(88,677)	(30.5%)
General Receipts				
Property Taxes	19,447,005	18,844,232	602,773	3.2%
Other Taxes	7,176,832	6,873,324	303,508	4.4%
Other General Receipts	95,373	8,964,577	(8,869,204)	(98.9%)
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$ 41,520,444</b>	<b>\$ 49,176,203</b>	<b>\$ (7,655,759)</b>	<b>(15.6%)</b>
<b>Program Disbursements</b>				
General Government	\$ 15,242,713	\$ 15,232,106	\$ 10,607	0.0%
Public Safety	25,921,164	15,633,097	10,288,067	65.8%
Public Works	5,145,109	5,486,079	(340,970)	(6.2%)
Public Health	571,238	541,250	29,988	5.5%
Public Welfare and Social Services	1,067,132	946,397	120,735	12.8%
Culture and Recreation	1,944,376	2,142,306	(197,930)	(9.2%)
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$ 49,891,732</b>	<b>\$ 39,981,235</b>	<b>\$ 9,910,497</b>	<b>24.8%</b>
<b>Change in Net Position</b>	<b>\$ (8,371,288)</b>	<b>\$ 9,194,968</b>	<b>\$ (17,566,256)</b>	<b>(191.0%)</b>

The following table represents the major funds of the County and their related changes in fund balance.

	<u>General</u>	<u>Jail Bond</u>	<u>Inheritance</u>	<u>Road</u>	<u>Insurance</u>	<u>Building &amp; Improvement Reserve</u>	<u>Other Governmental Funds</u>
Receipts	\$27,738,419	\$ 2,117,250	\$ 2,314,601	\$ 3,055,561	\$ 3,191,147	\$ 1,000	\$ 3,102,466
Disbursements	(25,677,324)	(1,430,105)	(12,504)	(4,819,188)	(4,494,239)	(1,117,588)	(2,850,784)
Refunding Bonds	-	(9,490,000)	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers In	383,830	-	-	2,346,156	417,596	2,173,421	85,943
Transfers Out	(2,482,099)	-	(2,173,421)	(350,056)	-	-	(401,370)
Net Change in Fund Balances	(37,174)	(8,802,855)	128,676	232,473	(885,496)	1,056,833	(63,745)
Beginning Fund Balance	10,589,897	10,825,486	4,234,001	513,013	1,293,040	2,631,478	2,663,730
Ending Fund Balance	10,552,723	2,022,631	4,362,677	745,486	407,544	3,688,311	2,599,985

The Jail Bond Fund had the greatest change in value. This was attributed to a refunding of bonds described in Note 13 and in the section on Long Term Debt Highlights. The increase in the Inheritance Fund is attributed to an increase of \$141,707 of total receipts compared to the prior year. The increase in the Road Fund is attributable to a decrease of disbursements totaling \$340,638 compared to the prior year. The increase in the Building & Improvement Reserve Fund is attributable to an increase in transfers in of \$617,782 compared to the prior year.

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The following table shows the property tax rates, by fund or component unit, for fiscal years 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 including a calculation of the amount and percentage by which each levy changed. Note: Levies are expressed in dollars and cents per \$100 of valuation. For example, the County's total property tax for these funds and component unit on a \$100,000 property in 2016-2017 would be \$390.57.

Fund	2015-2016 Levy	2016-2017 Levy	Levy Change	Percentage Change
General Fund	0.336385	0.332116	(0.004269)	-1.27%
Dependent Fund	0.001534	0.000881	(0.000653)	-42.57%
Institutions	0.000081	0.000249	0.000168	207.41%
Jail Bond Fund	0.039000	0.039000	0.000000	0.00%
Veteran's Aid	0.000141	0.000339	0.000198	140.43%
Museum	0.019000	0.017987	(0.001013)	-5.33%
County Totals	<u><b>0.396141</b></u>	<u><b>0.390572</b></u>	<u><b>(0.005569)</b></u>	<u><b>-1.41%</b></u>

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## Management's Discussion and Analysis

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### General Fund Budgetary Highlights

In comparing the General Fund's actual expenditures to the budget prepared for the year, mostly favorable variances were noted. Total General Fund expenditures were under budget by \$2,253,326 or 8.07%. This was mostly due to the Public Safety function being under budget by \$1,093,664 and the General Government function being under budget by \$1,058,127. See the Budgetary Comparison Schedule for the General Fund on pages 32-34 for more detailed information.

Over the course of the 2016-2017 fiscal year, the County's General Fund balance decreased by approximately \$37,174. The following table provides a detailed picture of the decrease in fund balance.

	<b>2016-2017 Budget</b>	<b>Year-End Actual</b>	<b>Difference</b>
July 1, 2016 Beginning Balance		<u>\$ 10,589,897</u>	
Receipts:			
Property/Motor Vehicle Taxes	\$ 20,043,198	\$ 19,304,516	\$ (738,682)
Federal	735,065	766,256	31,191
State	659,199	1,812,136	1,152,937
Other Local	<u>5,142,095</u>	<u>5,855,511</u>	<u>713,416</u>
Total Receipts	\$ 26,579,557	\$ 27,738,419	\$ 1,158,862
Expenditures	\$ 27,930,650	\$ 25,677,324	\$ 2,253,326
Net Transfers	<u>\$ (2,098,269)</u>	<u>\$ (2,098,269)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Net (Decrease)/Increase	<u>\$ (3,449,362)</u>	<u>\$ (37,174)</u>	<u>\$ 3,412,188</u>
June 30, 2017 Ending Balance		<u>\$ 10,552,723</u>	

### Long-term Debt Highlights

The Hall County voters approved, on November 15, 2005, the issuance of negotiable bonded indebtedness not to exceed \$22,225,000 for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, furnishing, and equipping a county jail and detention facility. The County took possession of the facility in May 2008. These Series 2006 bonds were refinanced in September 2011 with the Series 2011 Refunding Bonds and in January 2012 with the Series 2012 Refunding Bonds. The Series 2011 bonds are payable over a period not longer than 22 years and callable at the County's option after 5 years. The interest rate fluctuates between 0.30% and 4.35%. The Series 2012 bonds are payable over a period not longer than 10 years and callable at the County's option after 5 years. The interest rate fluctuates between 0.35% and 2.40%.

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On July 14, 2015, the Hall County Board of Supervisors approved a resolution calling for the early redemption, refinancing and prepayment of \$9,600,000 in aggregate principal amount of the County's General Obligation Bonds, Series 2011. On September 30, 2015, the County closed on this transaction for Series 2015 bonds for the final amount of \$8,905,000. The Series 2015 bonds are payable over a period not longer than 12 years and callable at the County's option after 5 years. The interest rate fluctuates between 0.35% and 2.60%. The redemption is expected to save the County approximately \$4,162,706 and will reduce the final payment date by 6 years. The advanced refund was completed in September 2016. See Note 13 for repayment schedule.

The voters also approved on November 15, 2005, the County's authorization to levy a tax annually, as long as any of said bonds are outstanding, upon all of the taxable property in the County sufficient in rate and amount to pay the interest on and principal of said bonds as the same become due and payable, which property tax may be in addition to the annual levy permitted for county building purposes by Neb. Rev. Stat. Sec. 23-120(2) (Reissue 2012), and may include the levy of a property tax of not to exceed three and nine tenths (3.9) cents per one hundred dollars of taxable valuation in excess of the limits prescribed by law, including the statutory limitation provided by Neb. Rev. Stat. Sec. 23-125 (Reissue 2012).

### Subsequent Events

Subsequent events have been evaluated through November 22, 2017, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued. The County notes the following items for disclosure.

The Nebraska Department of Correctional Services had indicated that they will no longer house inmates with the county after June 30, 2018. The Hall County Department of Corrections is still in negotiations with the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services.

### **CONTACTING THE COUNTY'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens and taxpayers a general overview of the County's finances and to demonstrate the County's accountability for the money with which it is entrusted. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the Hall County Clerk, 121 South Pine Street, Grand Island, Nebraska 68801. Our telephone number is (308) 385-5080, and our website is located at <http://www.hallcountyne.gov>.

**HALL COUNTY**  
**STATEMENT OF NET POSITION - CASH BASIS**  
**June 30, 2017**

		<u>Primary Government</u> <b>Governmental</b> <b>Activities</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Pooled cash and cash equivalents	\$	19,922,839
Pooled certificates of deposit		2,697,742
Restricted assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents		2,191,928
Certificates of deposit		26,349
Total assets	<u>\$</u>	<u>24,838,858</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Due to other governments	\$	87,393
Due to others		372,108
Total liabilities	<u>\$</u>	<u>459,501</u>
<b>NET POSITION</b>		
Restricted for:		
Debt service	\$	2,022,631
Capital projects - Extension Office		26,349
Health and life insurance claims		106,873
Parks and recreation		487
911 emergency services		13,195
Visitors promotion/improvement		442,263
Veterans services		42,565
Drug enforcement		61,417
Keno lottery		492,339
Traffic safety		28,170
Indigent welfare		94,612
P&M fund - Register of Deeds		62,153
Unrestricted		20,986,303
<b>Total net position</b>	<u><b>\$</b></u>	<u><b>24,379,357</b></u>

See Notes to Financial Statements

HALL COUNTY  
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES - CASH BASIS  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS	Disbursements	Program Receipts		Net (Disbursements) Receipts and Changes in Net Position	
		Fees and Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions		Capital Grants and Contributions
Primary Government					
Governmental activities:					
General government	\$ 15,242,713	\$ 9,462,575	\$ 216,792	\$ 202,112	\$ (5,361,234)
Public safety	25,921,164	776,354	458,217	-	(24,686,593)
Public works	5,145,109	3,109,352	-	-	(2,035,757)
Public health	571,238	-	-	-	(571,238)
Public welfare and social services	1,067,132	-	575,832	-	(491,300)
Culture and recreation	1,944,376	-	-	-	(1,944,376)
Total governmental activities	<u>\$ 49,891,732</u>	<u>\$ 13,348,281</u>	<u>\$ 1,250,841</u>	<u>\$ 202,112</u>	<u>\$ (35,090,498)</u>
General receipts					
Taxes:					
Property					\$ 19,447,005
Motor vehicle					1,866,841
Property tax credit					957,156
Personal property tax credit					46,385
Airline and carline tax allocation					38,374
In-lieu-of tax					104,702
Insurance tax allocation					131,579
Pro-rate motor vehicle					62,570
Homestead					525,443
Lodging					958,126
Inheritance					2,287,438
911 Surcharges					198,218
Fines and licenses					9,339
Interest income					86,034
Total general receipts					<u>\$ 26,719,210</u>
Change in net position					\$ (8,371,288)
Net position - beginning					<u>32,750,645</u>
<b>Net position - ending</b>					<u><b>\$ 24,379,357</b></u>

See Notes to Financial Statements

**HALL COUNTY**  
**STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES - CASH BASIS**  
**GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2017**

	General	Jail Bond Fund	Inheritance Funds	Road Fund	Insurance Fund	Building & Improvement Reserve	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>ASSETS</b>								
Cash and equivalents	\$ 8,269,433	\$ -	\$ 4,362,677	\$ 745,486	\$ 300,671	\$ 3,688,311	\$ 2,556,261	\$ 19,922,839
Certificates of deposit	2,697,742	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,697,742
Restricted assets:								
Cash and cash equivalents	272	2,022,631	-	-	106,873	-	62,152	2,191,928
Certificates of deposit	26,349	-	-	-	-	-	-	26,349
Total assets	<u>\$ 10,993,796</u>	<u>\$ 2,022,631</u>	<u>\$ 4,362,677</u>	<u>\$ 745,486</u>	<u>\$ 407,544</u>	<u>\$ 3,688,311</u>	<u>\$ 2,618,413</u>	<u>\$ 24,838,858</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>								
Liabilities:								
Due to other governments	\$ 85,752	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,641	\$ 87,393
Due to others	355,321	-	-	-	-	-	16,787	372,108
Total liabilities	<u>\$ 441,073</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 18,428</u>	<u>\$ 459,501</u>
Fund balances:								
Restricted	\$ 26,349	\$ 2,022,631	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 106,873	\$ -	\$ 1,237,201	\$ 3,393,054
Committed	-	-	-	745,486	300,671	3,688,311	1,362,784	6,097,252
Assigned	-	-	4,362,677	-	-	-	-	4,362,677
Unassigned	10,526,374	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,526,374
Total fund balances	<u>\$ 10,552,723</u>	<u>\$ 2,022,631</u>	<u>\$ 4,362,677</u>	<u>\$ 745,486</u>	<u>\$ 407,544</u>	<u>\$ 3,688,311</u>	<u>\$ 2,599,985</u>	<u>\$ 24,379,357</u>
<b>Total liabilities and fund balances</b>	<u><b>\$ 10,993,796</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 2,022,631</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 4,362,677</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 745,486</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 407,544</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 3,688,311</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 2,618,413</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 24,838,858</b></u>

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**HALL COUNTY**  
**STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE-CASH BASIS**  
**GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2017**

	General	Jail Bond Fund	Inheritance Funds	Road Fund	Insurance Fund	Building & Improvement Reserve	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>RECEIPTS</b>								
Property/Motor Vehicle taxes	\$ 19,304,516	\$ 1,931,041	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 78,288	\$ 21,313,845
Fines and licenses	9,339	-	-	-	-	-	-	9,339
State	1,812,136	160,059	-	2,768,830	-	-	1,232,025	5,973,050
Federal	766,256	-	-	-	-	-	-	766,256
Interest income	42,460	15,708	27,163	-	-	-	702	86,033
Other	5,803,712	10,442	2,287,438	286,731	3,191,147	1,000	1,791,451	13,371,921
Total receipts	<u>\$ 27,738,419</u>	<u>\$ 2,117,250</u>	<u>\$ 2,314,601</u>	<u>\$ 3,055,561</u>	<u>\$ 3,191,147</u>	<u>\$ 1,000</u>	<u>\$ 3,102,466</u>	<u>\$ 41,520,444</u>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>								
General government	\$ 9,024,128	\$ -	\$ 12,504	\$ -	\$ 4,494,239	\$ 1,117,588	\$ 594,254	\$ 15,242,713
Public safety	13,997,957	1,430,105	-	-	-	-	1,003,102	16,431,164
Public works	223,498	-	-	4,819,188	-	-	102,423	5,145,109
Public health	571,238	-	-	-	-	-	-	571,238
Public welfare and social services	923,006	-	-	-	-	-	144,126	1,067,132
Culture and recreation	937,497	-	-	-	-	-	1,006,879	1,944,376
Total disbursements	<u>\$ 25,677,324</u>	<u>\$ 1,430,105</u>	<u>\$ 12,504</u>	<u>\$ 4,819,188</u>	<u>\$ 4,494,239</u>	<u>\$ 1,117,588</u>	<u>\$ 2,850,784</u>	<u>\$ 40,401,732</u>
Excess (deficiency) of receipts over (under) disbursements	<u>\$ 2,061,095</u>	<u>\$ 687,145</u>	<u>\$ 2,302,097</u>	<u>\$ (1,763,627)</u>	<u>\$ (1,303,092)</u>	<u>\$ (1,116,588)</u>	<u>\$ 251,682</u>	<u>\$ 1,118,712</u>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>								
Refunding bonds	\$ -	\$ (9,490,000)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (9,490,000)
Transfers in	383,830	-	-	2,346,156	417,596	2,173,421	85,943	5,406,946
Transfers out	(2,482,099)	-	(2,173,421)	(350,056)	-	-	(401,370)	(5,406,946)
Total other financing sources	<u>\$ (2,098,269)</u>	<u>\$ (9,490,000)</u>	<u>\$ (2,173,421)</u>	<u>\$ 1,996,100</u>	<u>\$ 417,596</u>	<u>\$ 2,173,421</u>	<u>\$ (315,427)</u>	<u>\$ (9,490,000)</u>
Net change in fund balances	<u>\$ (37,174)</u>	<u>\$ (8,802,855)</u>	<u>\$ 128,676</u>	<u>\$ 232,473</u>	<u>\$ (885,496)</u>	<u>\$ 1,056,833</u>	<u>\$ (63,745)</u>	<u>\$ (8,371,288)</u>
Fund balances - beginning	10,589,897	10,825,486	4,234,001	513,013	1,293,040	2,631,478	2,663,730	32,750,645
Fund balances - ending	<u><u>\$ 10,552,723</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,022,631</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 4,362,677</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 745,486</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 407,544</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 3,688,311</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,599,985</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 24,379,357</u></u>

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**HALL COUNTY**  
**STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION-CASH BASIS**  
**FIDUCIARY FUNDS**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2017**

	<u>Agency Funds</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Cash and cash equivalents	<u>\$ 2,910,351</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Due to other governments	
State	\$ 1,204,637
Schools	1,192,192
Natural Resource District	20,433
Fire Districts	9,824
Municipalities	434,385
Agricultural Society	1,614
Partial Payment	27,252
Airport Authority	19,544
Lodging Sales Tax	470
Total liabilities	<u>\$ 2,910,351</u>
<b>TOTAL NET POSITION</b>	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>

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## Notes to Financial Statements

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### 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

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The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies utilized in the accounting system of Hall County.

#### Reporting Entity

The County of Hall was incorporated in 1858. The County has a Board of Supervisors consisting of seven members, elected for four-year alternating terms, one from each of seven wards. As a political subdivision of the State, the County is exempt from state and federal income tax. Services provided include highway and road, parks, property tax collections, motor vehicle licensing, public safety, recording deeds, marriage licenses and other services, along with general administrative services. The financial statements include all funds of the County that are not legally separate. Potential component units for which the County has a financial relationship were also considered. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) has issued guidance on the criteria to consider in determining whether the County has financial accountability for a component unit. Such criteria include appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body, and (1) the ability of the County to impose its will on that organization, or (2) the potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to, or impose specific financial burdens on the County.

#### Component Unit

The Stuhr Museum of the Prairie Pioneer (Stuhr Museum) and Hall County Convention and Visitors' Bureau are component units of the County because of the significance of their relationship with the County. Condensed financial statements of Stuhr Museum as of June 30, 2017, are presented in the notes to the financial statements; see Note 9 and Note 10 for further information. A complete copy of each entities' financial statements are on file with the Hall County Clerk.

#### Joint Organizations

Through an agreement with Nebraska Health and Human Services System, Hall County and several surrounding counties, collectively, have formed the Behavioral Health Region III to administer and carry out the provisions of the Nebraska Behavioral Health Services Act (Act). The agreement was entered into through the Interlocal Cooperation Act. Region III consists of the following counties: Blaine, Loup, Garfield, Wheeler, Custer, Valley, Greeley, Sherman, Howard, Buffalo, Hall, Phelps, Kearney, Adams, Clay, Furnas, Harlan, Hamilton, Merrick, Franklin, Webster, and Nuckolls. Each of the counties provides a representative to sit on the governing board. Each county contributes to the financial support of the Region activities based on formulas developed by the Region governing board and as required by the Act. The cumulative funding for the Region is provided by a combination of federal, state, local, and private funding. The Region is required to be audited annually in accordance with State Statute. Financial information for the Region is available in those audit reports.

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The County has entered into an agreement with Senior Citizens Industries, Inc. (Industries) to provide transportation services within Hall County for the purpose of fulfilling contractual obligations between the County and the State of Nebraska Department of Roads (Roads). The agreement with Roads was authorized pursuant to the Nebraska Public Transportation Act,

Neb. Rev. Stat. Secs. 13-1201 through 13-1212 (Reissue 2012), and the Federal Transit Act. Under the agreement, Industries will provide transportation to citizens within Hall County and will submit application for remuneration, with the County's approval, to Roads. Pursuant to the agreement, Industries shall be audited annually, in accordance with appropriate Federal Regulations and the accounting Instruction Manual for Public Transportation Operating Assistance, and must submit a copy of the audit within a reasonable time following its completion. Additionally, the County and Industries have also contracted with Comstock Corp. to provide additional services in order to meet the transportation needs of the County.

### Basis of Presentation

The County follows the provisions of Statement No. 34 ("Statement 34") of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board "Basic Financial Statements—and Management's Discussion and Analysis—for State and Local Governments." Statement 34 established standards for external financial reporting for all state and local government entities, which includes government-wide financial statements, fund financial statements and the classification of net position into three components— net investment in capital assets; restricted; and unrestricted.

The government-wide financial statements of Hall County present a Statement of Net Position - Cash Basis, and a Statement of Activities - Cash Basis. The Statement of Net Position includes separately presented items of pooled cash and cash equivalents, pooled certificates of deposit, restricted assets, due to other governments, and due to others. The statement also presents net position that is restricted for a particular use and that which is unrestricted; as required by Statement 34. The Statement of Activities presents general and specific receipts and disbursements of the various government-wide programs and functions. Each function disbursement is first offset by 1) charges to customers for the services provided, 2) operating grants and contributions that are restricted to the given function, and 3) capital grants and contributions that are restricted to the given function or segment. Lastly, the general receipts from various taxes, fines, and other income is reported against the total of the net specific program receipts and disbursements. The government-wide financial statements do not include the activity of the fiduciary funds.

The accounts of the County are organized on the basis of funds, each of which is considered to be a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for by providing a separate set of self-balancing accounts which comprise its assets, liabilities, fund balance, receipts and disbursements. The various funds are grouped as follows in the financial statements:

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### Governmental Funds Types

Governmental funds are those through which general governmental functions of the County are financed. The acquisition, use and balances of the County's expendable financial resources and the related liabilities are accounted for through governmental funds. The measurement focus is upon determination of changes in financial position rather than upon net income. The following are the County's governmental fund types.

General Fund – The General Fund is the general operating fund of the County. All general tax revenues and other receipts that are not allocated by law or contractual agreement to some other fund are accounted for in this fund. From this fund, the general operating expenses, the fixed charges and the capital improvement costs are paid for expenses that are not paid from other funds.

Special Revenue Funds – The Special Revenue Funds are utilized to account for revenues derived from specific sources which are usually required by law or regulation to be accounted for in separate funds.

### Fiduciary Funds Types

Trust and Agency Funds – The Trust and Agency Funds are utilized to account for monies and properties received and held by the County in a trustee or custodial capacity for other entities, such as employees, other governments or non-public organizations.

### 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. Receipts are recognized when received and disbursements 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, receipts are recorded when earned and disbursements are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows.

The governmental fund financial statements were also reported on the cash receipts and disbursements basis of accounting. As such, this basis of accounting and 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. Receipts are recognized when received and disbursements are recognized when paid. This differs from governmental GAAP, which

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requires 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, revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments are recorded only when payment is made.

### Cash and Cash Equivalents

The County considers all cash on hand, checking and savings accounts, and investments with an original maturity of three months or less to be cash and cash equivalents.

### Pooled Cash and Investments

The County maintains a pooled cash and investments account for all funds. The pool is placed in the custody of the County Treasurer. Interest received on the pool is credited to the various funds based on estimated positive balances.

### Cash Held Outside the County Treasurer

Cash on hand and held in bank accounts in the custody of County offices other than the Treasurer is not recorded in the County's financial records until it is submitted to the County Treasurer. Additionally, the County was in possession of cash and certificates of deposit held by a banking institution for the purpose of health insurance plan administration which is not recorded by the Treasurer. An adjustment has been recorded in the financial statements to recognize these amounts.

### Investments

Investments are stated at cost, which approximates market. Income from investments is recorded as it is received. Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. Secs. 77-2315, 77-2340, and 77-2341 (Reissue 2009), the County is authorized to invest in a limited type of investments. Examples include U.S. Government obligations, certificates of deposit, and time deposits and securities which are authorized by the Nebraska Investment Council. All investments are Level 1 investments. Level 1 inputs are stated at quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

### Capital Assets

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 reflected as

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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.

Depreciation expenses on capital assets were not recorded on the cash basis financial statements. Under GAAP, depreciation expenses 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.

### Net Position/Fund Balances

The County has implemented the provisions of Statement No. 54, *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions*, of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB).

The government-wide financial statements utilize a net position presentation. Net assets are categorized as restricted and unrestricted.

- *Net Investment in Capital Assets* - This category groups all capital assets, including infrastructure, into one component of net position. Accumulated depreciation and outstanding balances of debt that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of these assets reduce the balance in this category. The County does not present this category of net position as capital assets and debt are not presented under the cash basis of accounting.
- *Restricted Net Position* - This category represents net position of the County with external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or law or regulations of other governments and restrictions imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- *Unrestricted Net Position* - This category represents net position of the County not restricted for any project or other purpose.

GASB 54 standards provide for the classification of fund balances in governmental funds. The fund balances of governmental funds are defined as follows:

- *Non-spendable* - amounts that cannot be spent either because they are in non-spendable form, such as inventory or prepaid items or because they are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. The County does not present this classification as these items are not recognized under the cash basis of accounting.

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- *Restricted* - amounts that can be spent only for specific purposes because of constitutional provisions or enabling legislation or because of constraints that are externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments.
- *Committed* - amounts that can be used only for specific purposes determined by a formal action of the Hall County Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors is the highest level of decision making authority for the County. Commitments may be established, modified, or rescinded only through a formal resolution of the Board of Supervisors.
- *Assigned* - amounts that do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed but are intended to be used for specific purposes. The Board of Supervisors, elected officials and department heads could assign amounts to specific purposes related to their respective functions pursuant to Board of Supervisors' authorization.
- *Unassigned* - all other spendable amounts in the general fund.

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. See Note 14 Net Position/Fund Balances in the notes to the financial statements for more information.

### Internal Activities

Internal activities of the County have not been eliminated in the government-wide or fund financial statements. Governmental GAAP requires the elimination of internal activity reporting to reduce the effects of double counting.

### Use of Estimates

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with the cash basis of accounting requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

### Compensated Absences

County employees may carry over some of the prior year's vacation beyond their service anniversary date and receive compensation for it if they leave County employment. Sick leave may be accumulated up to 90 days. No pay will be received for this sick leave unless the employee retires, at which time they will receive compensation for one-half of the accumulated amount. Certain employees receive compensatory time off. Some of the prior year's amount can be carried over to the following year. These employees will receive compensation for any accrued compensatory time off if they leave County employment. Under the cash receipts and disbursements basis of



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accounting, accumulated unpaid vacation pay, sick pay, and compensatory time off is not accrued in the governmental fund types. Under governmental GAAP, the accumulated unpaid vacation pay, sick pay, and compensatory time off would be reported in the government-wide financial statements and recorded as an accrued liability when the compensated absence is earned.

### 2. Property Taxes

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A property tax on applicable real and personal property is levied on or before September 20 of each year, payable in two installments due by May 1 and September 1 of the following year. An enforceable lien attaches to the property on the first day of January, beginning on the calendar year following the levy. Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. Sec. 60-3,186 (Reissue 2010), a separate tax is assessed on motor vehicles registered in the county. Upon annual registration, the County will collect a motor vehicle tax which is determined by the vehicle's age and value. The motor vehicle tax determination can be found in Neb. Rev. Stat. Sec. 60-3,187 (Reissue 2010). Property taxes are not recognized in revenue until they are collected.

### 3. Deposits/Investments

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The 2016-2017 fiscal year levy for property taxes was \$21,428,135, or \$.390571 per \$100 of assessed valuation. The 2015-2016 fiscal year levy for property taxes was \$20,531,039, or \$.396141 per \$100 of assessed valuation. Any increase in taxation is limited to the prior year's level, with provisions for growth. It may be increased by 1% by a three-fourths majority vote of the Hall County Board of Supervisors.

#### Credit Risk

The County's policy limits investments to those types of investments allowed by State Statute. Those items include: Certificates of deposit, where institutions have adequately pledged assets for any funds on deposit in excess of Federal Depository Insurance limits; Bonds and debentures issued by any of the twelve federal land banks, the twelve intermediate credit banks, or the thirteen banks for cooperatives under the supervision of the Farm Credit Administration; or in interest bearing bonds or the obligations of the United States. Interest income earned on investments is credited to the general fund pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. Sec. 77-2315 (Reissue 2009).

#### Concentration of Credit Risk

The County's investment policy limits investments to those institutions that have adequately pledged assets to cover any amounts on deposit in excess of Federal Depository Insurance and to investments that are backed by the federal government, as listed in State Statute.

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### Interest Rate Risk

As a means of limiting its exposure to fair value losses arising from rising interest rates, the County's investment policies include reviewing the market conditions and analyzing investment securities to determine the maximum yield to be obtained and to minimize the impact of rising interest rates.

The County's carrying values of investments are stated at cost, which approximates the market value.

	<u>Investment Maturities (in years)</u>	
	<u>&lt;1</u>	<u>1-5</u>
CDs	\$ 1,712,043	\$ 985,699
	<u>\$ 1,712,043</u>	<u>\$ 985,699</u>

Nebraska Public Agency Investment Trust (NPAIT) is a public entity investment pool operated under the direction of a seven member Board of Trustees. All net income of the trust is determined as of the close of business on each banking day and is credited thereafter pro rata to each participant's account. Net income which has accrued to each participant is converted as of the close of business of each calendar month into additional units which thereafter are held in each participant's trust account. The account maintains a \$1.00 market value price at all times. The trust was invested in Government Agency Securities – 50.19%, Certificate of Deposits in various Nebraska Banks – 8.71%, Demand Deposit and Money Market Accounts – 23.12%, and Repurchase agreements (collateralized by U.S. Government Securities) – 17.98% at June 30, 2017.

The cash and cash equivalents balance as of June 30, 2017 includes \$13,740,853 of funds held at NPAIT. Included in the aforementioned NPAIT balance is \$272 of funds held for others by the Hall County Clerk of the District Court.

An adjustment totaling \$825,540 has been recorded in the financial statements to recognize the cash held at County offices but not yet remitted to the Treasurer for the year ended June 30, 2017.

Additionally, the County was in possession of \$106,873 in cash held by a banking institution for the purpose of health insurance plan administration. An adjustment has been recorded in the financial statements to recognize these amounts as of June 30, 2017.

The County utilizes various bank institutions. The institutions have pledged assets or provided insurance contracts in addition to FDIC coverage for County accounts. The County follows Neb. Rev. Stat. Sec. 77-2387 (Reissue 2009) to determine allowed collateral. At June 30, 2017, the amounts on deposit for the County were adequately secured by each institution.

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### 4. Employee's Retirement System

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The County Board has adopted the provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat. Secs. 23-2301 to 23-2335 (Reissue 2012), established as law by the County Employees Retirement Act of 1965. The Retirement System for Nebraska Counties is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit plan administered by the Public Employees Retirement Board. Benefit and contribution provisions are established by State law and may be amended only by the Nebraska Legislature.

Prior to January 1, 2001, the County Plan consisted of a defined contribution plan. Effective January 1, 2003, a cash balance benefit was added to the County Employees Retirement Act. The cash balance benefit is a type of defined benefit plan. Each member employed and participating in the retirement system prior to January 1, 2003, elected either to continue participation in the defined contribution option or to begin participation in the cash balance benefit. The defined contribution option is closed to new entrants. On or after January 1, 2003, all new members of the County Plan become members of the cash balance benefit.

Participation in the County Employees Retirement Plan is required of all full-time employees upon employment and of all fulltime elected officials upon taking office. All permanent part-time employees can elect voluntary participation upon reaching age 18. Part-time elected officials may exercise the option to join.

The Ameritas Group is responsible for administering the plan and acts as the trustee for the Plan's funds. All full time employees, other than law enforcement officials, are required to contribute 4.5% of their total compensation and the County contributes an amount equal to 150% of the employee's contribution. These contribution rates are established pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. Secs. 23-2307 and 23-2308 (Reissue 2012). Certified law enforcement officers contribute 5.5% of their total compensation and the County contributes an amount equal to 150% of the first 4.5% of the employees' contribution and an amount equal to 100% on the remaining 1% contribution. Certified law enforcement officers contribution rates are established pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. Sec. 23-2332.01 (Reissue 2012).

The employees' and employer's contributions are kept in separate accounts. The employees' accounts are fully vested. The employer's account is vested after three years of service. Prior service benefits are paid by the County on a pay-as-you-go basis directly to the retired employees. For the year ended June 30, 2017, the County contributed \$936,042 to the employer's account. For the year ended June 30, 2017 323 employees contributed \$633,281 to the Plan; included in those contributions is \$18,604 towards the supplemental law enforcement plan for 33 law enforcement employees. As of December 31, 2016 and 2015, the County's share of the net pension asset was \$575,791 and \$27,852, respectively. These amounts were determined by the audit report issued by the Nebraska Public Employees Retirement System dated August 23, 2017, with a measurement date of December 31, 2016. NPERS financial statements for all plans are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting and are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in

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the United State of America (GAAP), which apply to governmental accounting for fiduciary funds and Hall County financial statements are cash basis financial statements, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). The report can be obtained from <https://npers.ne.gov>. The County also paid \$108 directly to retired individuals for prior service benefits on a pay-as-you-go basis.

### 5. Deferred Compensation Plan

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The County has a deferred compensation plan created in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 457. The plan is available to all County employees and elected officials. The plan permits them to defer a portion of their salary until future years. The deferred compensation is not available to employees until termination, retirement, death, unforeseeable emergency or permanent disability.

### 6. Contingencies

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The County is a defendant in various lawsuits. Although the outcome of these lawsuits is not presently determinable, in the opinion of the County Attorney and other attorneys whose services are requested by Hall County, the resolution of these matters will not have a material adverse effect on the financial condition of the County.

### 7. Interfund Transfers, Receivables, and Payables

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Interfund transfers for the year ended June 30, 2017 were as follows:

	<b>Transfers In</b>	<b>Transfers Out</b>
General Fund	\$ 383,830	\$ 2,482,099
Road Fund	2,346,156	350,056
Equipment & Improvement Fund	-	18,830
Building & Land Improvement Fund	2,173,421	-
Insurance Fund	417,596	-
Sick & Vacation Liability Fund	10,000	-
Drug Court Fund	19,938	52,485
Inheritance Fund	-	2,173,421
Keno/Lottery Fund	-	275,000
Inmate Welfare Fund	-	40,000
Noxious Weed Fund	55,992	15,055
Special Revenue Fund	13	-
<b>Totals</b>	<u>\$ 5,406,946</u>	<u>\$ 5,406,946</u>

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Transfers are generally used to move unrestricted receipts collected in the general fund to finance various programs accounted for in other funds in accordance with budgetary authorizations. Transfers from the inheritance fund generally move reserve funds over to other funds as needed.

There were no interfund receivables and payables as of June 30, 2017.

### 8. Risk Management

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The County is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, or destruction of assets; errors or omission; injuries to employees; or acts of God. In March, 1988, the County joined together with other counties in the State of Nebraska to form the Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association, a public entity risk pool currently operating as a common risk management and insurance program for 78 member counties. The County pays an annual premium to Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association for its general insurance coverage. The Agreement for Formation of the Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association will be self-sustaining through member premiums and will reinsure through commercial insurance companies for claims in excess of \$250,000 for each property, \$300,000 for liability, and \$550,000 for workmen's compensation. The County continues to carry commercial insurance for all other risks of loss, including professional liability insurance for the Public Defender and Public Official's Errors and Omissions. Property, auto, liability, and workmen's compensation settled claims in the past three years have not exceeded the coverage.

The County is self-insured for health insurance claims up to \$60,000 of individual claims or 100% of the anticipated group claims. The self-insurance programs are administered within the insurance and insurance reserve funds. Health insurance claims exceeding the \$60,000 limit for the plan year ending June 30, 2017 were paid through an excess loss insurance.

The County utilizes insurance fund cash accounts managed by its third party administrator to pay for the aforementioned claims. The County decreased its overall cash position in these accounts by \$915,132 for the year ending June 30, 2017.

The insurance reserve fund has a reserve of \$508,084 at June 30, 2017. Management believes that the coverage is adequate to preclude any significant uninsured risk of exposure to the County.

### 9. Stuhr Museum

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The Stuhr Museum is a private tax-exempt entity which receives support in the form of property taxes subject to the approval of the Hall County Board of Supervisors. The financial statements of Hall County, Nebraska, do not include the assets, liabilities, fund balances, revenues, and expenses of the Stuhr Museum, except the collection of property taxes and related distribution of Stuhr Museum's portion of property tax. The Stuhr Museum's financial statements are audited by other auditors, and for the year ended June 30, 2017, received an unqualified opinion dated September

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22, 2017. The following is a summary of the Stuhr Museum's June 30, 2017 financial statements (A complete copy of the audited financial statements of Stuhr Museum is on file with the Hall County Clerk.):

Total Assets	\$ 7,314,257
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	58,998
Total Liabilities	75,514
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	18,701
Net Position:	
Invested in Capital Assets	6,807,359
Restricted - Expendable	35,937
Unrestricted	438,744
Expenses - General Government	(1,877,357)
Program Revenues	803,433
Revenue from Hall County Support	929,997
Investment Income	1,104
Reimbursements	22,482
Miscellaneous Revenue	6,593
Change in Net Position	(113,748)
Beginning Net Position	7,392,788
Ending Net Position	<u>\$ 7,279,040</u>

#### 10. Hall County Convention and Visitor's Bureau

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The Hall County Convention and Visitor's Bureau is a private tax-exempt entity which receives support in the form of occupancy taxes, which is then used to create new or improve existing visitor attractions or facilities within Hall County. The Hall County Convention and Visitor's Bureau Board of Directors is appointed by the Hall County, Nebraska Board of Supervisors. The Hall County Convention and Visitor's Bureau is also financially dependent on Hall County, Nebraska. The financial statements of Hall County, Nebraska, do not include the assets, liabilities, fund balances, revenues, and expenses of the Hall County Convention and Visitor's Bureau, except the collection of occupancy taxes and related distribution to the Hall County Convention and Visitor's Bureau. These balances are not material to the financial statement of Hall County, Nebraska. Therefore, the financial statements of the Hall County Convention and Visitor's Bureau have been omitted. Please refer to Schedule 3 in the financial statements for occupancy tax received and dispersed to the Hall County Convention and Visitor's Bureau.

#### 11. Related Party Transactions

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For the year ended June 30, 2017, there were no county officials with outstanding real estate or personal property taxes due.

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### 12. Compensated Absences

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It is the County's policy to pay out all of an employee's accrued but unused vacation upon the employee's separation of employment with the County. The total amount of accrued but unpaid vacation at June 30, 2017, was \$666,275.

It is the County's policy that all accrued sick leave expires on the date of an employee's separation of employment with the County, unless the employee retires from the County. At the time of retirement, 50 percent of an employee's accrued sick leave will be paid out. Fifty percent of the total amount of accrued sick leave at June 30, 2017, was \$1,958,690.

It is the County's policy to pay out all of an employee's accrued but unused compensatory time off upon the employee's separation of employment with the County. The total amount of accrued but unpaid compensatory time off at June 30, 2017, was \$73,282.

### 13. Long-Term Debt

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The Hall County voters approved, on November 15, 2005, the issuance of negotiable bonded indebtedness not to exceed \$22,225,000 for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, furnishing, and equipping a county jail and detention facility. The County took possession of the facility in May 2008. These Series 2006 bonds were refinanced in September 2011 with the Series 2011 Refunding Bonds and in January 2012 with the Series 2012 Refunding Bonds. The Series 2011 Refunding Bonds were refinanced in September 2015 with the Series 2015 Refunding Bond. The Series 2015 bonds are payable over a period not longer than 12 years and callable at the County's option after 5 years. The interest rate fluctuates between 0.35% and 2.60%. The Series 2012 bonds are payable over a period not longer than 10 years and callable at the County's option after 5 years. The interest rate fluctuates between 0.35% and 2.40%. For the year ending June 30, 2017, \$277,879 of interest and \$1,070,000 of principal were paid for the Series 2012 and 2015 bonds.

The voters also approved on November 15, 2005, the County's authorization to levy a tax annually, as long as any of said bonds are outstanding, upon all of the taxable property in the County sufficient in rate and amount to pay the interest on and principal of said bonds as the same become due and payable, which property tax may be in addition to the annual levy permitted for county building purposes by Neb. Rev. Stat. Sec. 23-120(2) (Reissue 2012), and may include the levy of a property tax of not to exceed three and nine tenths (3.9) cents per one hundred dollars of taxable valuation in excess of the limits prescribed by law, including the statutory limitation provided by Neb. Rev. Stat. Sec. 23-125 (Reissue 2012).

The Jail Bond Fund makes the payments on the bonds payable.

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The maturity schedule of the 2015 series bonds is as follows:

Series 2015	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total Payment</u>
6/30/2018	295,000	183,330	478,330
6/30/2019	295,000	177,430	472,430
6/30/2020	305,000	171,430	476,430
6/30/2021	310,000	165,280	475,280
6/30/2022	315,000	159,030	474,030
6/30/23 to 27	5,765,000	495,748	6,260,748
6/30/2028	995,000	12,935	1,007,935
Totals	<u>\$ 8,280,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,365,183</u>	<u>\$ 9,645,183</u>

The maturity schedule of the 2012 series bonds is as follows:

Series 2012	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total Payment</u>
6/30/2018	790,000	79,100	869,100
6/30/2019	805,000	67,726	872,726
6/30/2020	815,000	54,356	869,356
6/30/2021	835,000	38,875	873,875
6/30/2022	850,000	20,963	870,963
6/30/2023	475,000	5,700	480,700
Totals	<u>\$ 4,570,000</u>	<u>\$ 266,720</u>	<u>\$ 4,836,720</u>

Changes in long-term debt are as follows:

	<u>Balance</u> <u>6/30/2016</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Retirements</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>6/30/2017</u>
Bonds	<u>\$13,920,000</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (1,070,000)</u>	<u>\$12,850,000</u>

### 14. Net Position/Fund Balances

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The government-wide statement of net position reports \$3,392,567 of restricted net position. Net position totaling \$3,169,757 are restricted by enabling legislation.

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When an expenditure is incurred for which both restricted and unrestricted fund balance is available, the County considers restricted funds to have been spent first. Similarly, committed funds are considered to have been spent first when there is a choice for the use of less restricted funds, then assigned and then unassigned funds.

As of June 30, 2017, governmental fund balances are classified as follows:

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Jail Bond Fund</u>	<u>Inheritance Fund</u>	<u>Road Fund</u>	<u>Insurance Fund</u>	<u>Building and Improvement Reserve</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Fund balances:</b>								
<b>Restricted for:</b>								
Debt service	\$ -	\$ 2,022,631	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,022,631
Capital projects - Extension Office	26,349	-	-	-	-	-	-	26,349
Parks & recreation	-	-	-	-	-	-	487	487
911 emergency services	-	-	-	-	-	-	13,195	13,195
Visitors promotion/improvement	-	-	-	-	-	-	442,263	442,263
Veterans services	-	-	-	-	-	-	42,565	42,565
Drug enforcement	-	-	-	-	-	-	61,417	61,417
Keno lottery	-	-	-	-	-	-	492,339	492,339
Traffic safety	-	-	-	-	-	-	28,170	28,170
Health & life insurance claims	-	-	-	-	106,873	-	-	106,873
Indigent welfare	-	-	-	-	-	-	94,612	94,612
P & M Fund - Register of Deeds	-	-	-	-	-	-	62,153	62,153
<b>Total Restricted</b>	<b>\$ 26,349</b>	<b>\$ 2,022,631</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 106,873</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 1,237,201</b>	<b>\$ 3,393,054</b>
<b>Committed to:</b>								
Street & highways	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 745,486	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 745,486
Special projects	-	-	-	-	-	-	51,828	51,828
Equipment & improvement costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	377,753	377,753
Sick & vacation compensation	-	-	-	-	-	-	75,099	75,099
Building & land improvements	-	-	-	-	-	3,688,311	-	3,688,311
Unemployment compensation	-	-	-	-	-	-	80,253	80,253
Insurance claims	-	-	-	-	300,671	-	508,084	808,755
Drug court	-	-	-	-	-	-	105,000	105,000
Inmate welfare	-	-	-	-	-	-	130,535	130,535
Weed control	-	-	-	-	-	-	34,232	34,232
<b>Total Committed</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 745,486</b>	<b>\$ 300,671</b>	<b>\$ 3,688,311</b>	<b>\$ 1,362,784</b>	<b>\$ 6,097,252</b>
<b>Assigned to:</b>								
Capital projects	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,362,677	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,362,677
Property tax relief	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Assigned</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 4,362,677</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 4,362,677</b>
<b>Unassigned:</b>	<b>\$10,526,374</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$10,526,374</b>
<b>Total fund balances</b>	<b>\$10,552,723</b>	<b>\$ 2,022,631</b>	<b>\$ 4,362,677</b>	<b>\$ 745,486</b>	<b>\$ 407,544</b>	<b>\$ 3,688,311</b>	<b>\$2,599,985</b>	<b>\$24,379,357</b>

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### 15. Leases

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The County leased six (6) Caterpillar motor graders under an agreement classified as a capital lease. Rent shall be paid in five (5) annual payments. The first four (4) shall be \$244,433 beginning on November 4, 2016, with one (1) final payment of \$244,439 due on November 4, 2020. The title of ownership has transferred at the beginning of the lease, if payments are made timely.

Future minimum lease payments under the capital lease are as follows as of June 30, 2017:

6/30/2018	244,433
6/30/2019	244,433
6/30/2020	244,433
6/30/2021	244,439
6/30/2022	-
Total minimum payment	\$ 977,738
Less: amount representing interest	(47,463)
Present value of minimum lease payments	\$ 930,275

### 16. Financial Statement Presentation

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Certain amounts in the 2016 financial statements have been reclassified to conform to the 2017 presentation.

### 17. Subsequent Events

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Subsequent events have been evaluated through November 22, 2017, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued. The County notes the following items for disclosure.

The Nebraska Department of Correctional Services had indicated that they will no longer house inmates with the county after June 30, 2018. The Hall County Department of Corrections is still in negotiations with the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services.

**HALL COUNTY**  
**BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL**  
**GENERAL GOVERNMENTAL FUND**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2017**

	<b>Budget (Original &amp; Final)</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Favorable (Unfavorable)</b>
<b>Receipts</b>			
Taxes			
Property and motor vehicle taxes/fees	\$ 20,043,198	\$ 19,304,516	\$ (738,682)
Intergovernmental receipts			
Federal			
Inmate housing	3,000	11,918	8,918
Child support-Title IV-D	315,000	564,387	249,387
Medical Assistance Program	-	11,445	11,445
Other	417,065	178,506	(238,559)
State			
Airline and carline tax allocation	40,300	35,717	(4,583)
Insurance tax allocation	130,000	131,579	1,579
Pro-rate motor vehicle	60,900	56,096	(4,804)
Homestead exemption	-	472,391	472,391
Property tax credit	-	899,561	899,561
Other	427,999	216,792	(211,207)
Local fees, licenses, commissions and miscellaneous			
Licenses and permits	71,938	193,914	121,976
In lieu of taxes	79,000	93,822	14,822
Inter local agreements	286,097	275,356	(10,741)
Treasurer fees	285,900	305,958	20,058
Clerk fees	6,100	(300,841)	(306,941)
Register of Deeds fees	325,000	384,545	59,545
Clerk of the District Court fees	131,927	135,388	3,461
Election Commissioner	60,100	33,272	(26,828)
Sheriff fees	2,439,178	3,116,640	677,462
Attorney fees	2,000	1,860	(140)
Jail fees	270,000	310,114	40,114
Interest on investments	10,000	42,460	32,460
Sale of surplus property	-	7,882	7,882
Fines	7,000	9,219	2,219
Commissions	904,000	969,089	65,089
Miscellaneous	182,355	195,727	13,372
Parks and recreation fees	39,500	40,509	1,009
Insurance settlements	42,000	40,597	(1,403)
Total receipts	\$ 26,579,557	\$ 27,738,419	\$ 1,158,862
<b>Disbursements</b>			
General Government			
Board of Supervisors	\$ 380,424	\$ 358,509	\$ 21,915
Clerk	389,383	356,092	33,291
Treasurer	912,146	880,086	32,060

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**HALL COUNTY**  
**BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL**  
**GENERAL GOVERNMENTAL FUND**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2017**

<b>Disbursements (Continued)</b>	<b>Budget (Original &amp; Final)</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Favorable (Unfavorable)</b>
Assessor	\$ 600,134	\$ 585,061	\$ 15,073
Superintendent of Schools	4,000	4,000	-
Register of Deeds	115,248	106,223	9,025
Data processing	980,242	949,278	30,964
Election Commissioner	173,108	167,259	5,849
Clerk of the District Court	588,998	579,644	9,354
Special election	60,000	-	60,000
Justice system	1,700,255	1,446,429	253,826
County Court system	26,028	25,802	226
Building and Grounds	922,302	904,653	17,649
Agriculture Extension Agent	262,766	243,484	19,282
District Judge	186,575	185,673	902
Public Defender	720,711	718,129	2,582
Equipment acquisition	-	-	-
Cadastral maps	176,975	168,830	8,145
Miscellaneous	1,882,960	1,344,976	537,984
<b>Public Safety</b>			
Sheriff	4,077,436	3,620,291	457,145
Attorney	2,149,078	2,020,939	128,139
Jail	7,359,669	7,173,812	185,857
Building Inspector	143,635	131,295	12,340
Probation Officer	85,800	85,592	208
Grants	220,000	-	220,000
Juvenile diversion	443,326	376,329	66,997
Safety	7,652	5,936	1,716
Miscellaneous	605,025	583,763	21,262
<b>Public Works</b>			
Surveyor	112,300	107,798	4,502
Miscellaneous	137,890	115,700	22,190
<b>Public Welfare and Social Services</b>			
Veteran's Service Officer	400,984	394,061	6,923
Miscellaneous	594,362	528,945	65,417
<b>Culture and Recreation</b>			
Parks	-	-	-
Stuhr Museum	920,000	919,997	3
Miscellaneous	20,000	17,500	2,500
<b>Public Health</b>			
Miscellaneous	571,238	571,238	-
<b>Total disbursements</b>	<b>\$ 27,930,650</b>	<b>\$ 25,677,324</b>	<b>\$ 2,253,326</b>
Excess (deficiency) of receipts over disbursements	\$ (1,351,093)	\$ 2,061,095	\$ 3,412,188

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HALL COUNTY  
 BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL  
 GENERAL GOVERNMENTAL FUND  
 For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

	<u>Budget (Original &amp; Final)</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Favorable (Unfavorable)</u>
<b>Other Financing Sources</b>			
Transfers in	\$ 383,830	\$ 383,830	\$ -
Transfers out	<u>(2,482,099)</u>	<u>(2,482,099)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total other financing sources	<u>\$ (2,098,269)</u>	<u>\$ (2,098,269)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Net change in fund balance	\$ (3,449,362)	\$ (37,174)	\$ 3,412,188
<b>Fund balance - beginning</b>	<u>10,589,897</u>	<u>10,589,897</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Fund balance - ending</b>	<u><u>\$ 7,140,535</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 10,552,723</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 3,412,188</u></u>

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**HALL COUNTY**  
**BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL**  
**MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2017**

	<u>Budget</u> <u>(Original &amp; Final)</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Favorable</u> <u>(Unfavorable)</u>
<b><u>Jail Bond Fund</u></b>			
Receipts			
Taxes - property/motor vehicle	\$ 2,037,800	\$ 1,931,041	\$ (106,759)
Intergovernmental receipts:			
State:			
Homestead exemption	-	51,068	51,068
Property tax credit	-	100,206	100,206
Pro-rate motor vehicles	5,500	6,229	729
Carline/airline tax	2,500	2,556	56
Local fees, licenses, etc.:			
In-lieu-of tax	8,500	10,442	1,942
Interest	12,799	15,708	2,909
Proceeds of long-term debt	-	-	-
Total receipts	<u>\$ 2,067,099</u>	<u>\$ 2,117,250</u>	<u>\$ 50,151</u>
Disbursements			
Debt servicing	\$ 3,402,585	\$ 1,430,105	\$ 1,972,480
Operating expense	-	-	-
Repayment of Bonds	9,490,000	9,490,000	-
Total disbursements	<u>\$ 12,892,585</u>	<u>\$ 10,920,105</u>	<u>\$ 1,972,480</u>
Net change in fund balance	\$ (10,825,486)	\$ (8,802,855)	\$ 2,022,631
<b>Fund balance - beginning</b>	<u>10,825,486</u>	<u>10,825,486</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Fund balance - ending</b>	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,022,631</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,022,631</u></u>
<b><u>Inheritance Funds</u></b>			
Receipts			
Intergovernmental receipts:			
State - other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Local fees, licenses, etc.:			
Interest	10,000	27,163	17,163
Inheritance tax	900,000	2,287,438	1,387,438
Other income	-	-	-
Interfund transfers	-	-	-
Total receipts	<u>\$ 910,000</u>	<u>\$ 2,314,601</u>	<u>\$ 1,404,601</u>
Disbursements			
Operating expense	\$ 500,084	\$ 12,504	\$ 487,580
Capital outlay	1,470,500	-	1,470,500
Interfund transfers	2,173,421	2,173,421	-
Total disbursements	<u>\$ 4,144,005</u>	<u>\$ 2,185,925</u>	<u>\$ 1,958,080</u>
Net change in fund balance	\$ (3,234,005)	\$ 128,676	\$ 3,362,681
<b>Fund balance - beginning</b>	<u>4,234,001</u>	<u>4,234,001</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Fund balance - ending</b>	<u><u>\$ 999,996</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 4,362,677</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 3,362,681</u></u>

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HALL COUNTY  
 BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL  
 MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
 For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

	<u>Budget</u> <u>(Original &amp; Final)</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Favorable</u> <u>(Unfavorable)</u>
<b>Road Fund</b>			
Receipts			
Intergovernmental receipts:			
Federal - other grants	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
State:			
Highway/street allocations	2,427,482	2,447,977	20,495
Motor vehicle fee	205,000	208,517	3,517
Incentive payments	10,500	10,500	-
Grants	100,000	101,836	1,836
Local fees, licenses, etc.:			
Machine hire	9,926	10,593	667
Sale of supplies & materials	16,000	22,062	6,062
Sale of property	1,000	25,682	24,682
Other	209,929	228,394	18,465
Interfund transfers	2,346,156	2,346,156	-
Total receipts	<u>\$ 5,325,993</u>	<u>\$ 5,401,717</u>	<u>\$ 75,724</u>
Disbursements			
Personal service	\$ 1,825,850	\$ 1,761,880	\$ 63,970
Operating expense	157,300	165,336	(8,036)
Supplies/material	801,250	901,303	(100,053)
Equipment rental	279,433	287,032	(7,599)
Capital outlay	2,147,173	1,703,637	443,536
Interfund transfers	378,000	350,056	27,944
Total disbursements	<u>\$ 5,589,006</u>	<u>\$ 5,169,244</u>	<u>\$ 419,762</u>
Net change in fund balance	\$ (263,013)	\$ 232,473	\$ 495,486
<b>Fund balance - beginning</b>	<u>513,013</u>	<u>513,013</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Fund balance - ending</b>	<u><b>\$ 250,000</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 745,486</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 495,486</b></u>
<b>Insurance Fund</b>			
Receipts			
Other	\$ 3,345,352	\$ 3,191,147	\$ (154,205)
Interfund transfers	453,000	417,596	(35,404)
Total receipts	<u>\$ 3,798,352</u>	<u>\$ 3,608,743</u>	<u>\$ (189,609)</u>
Disbursements			
Personal service	\$ 830,000	\$ 836,457	\$ (6,457)
Operating expense	3,239,387	3,657,782	(418,395)
Interfund transfers	-	-	-
Total disbursements	<u>\$ 4,069,387</u>	<u>\$ 4,494,239</u>	<u>\$ (424,852)</u>
Net change in fund balance	\$ (271,035)	\$ (885,496)	\$ (614,461)
<b>Fund balance - beginning</b>	<u>1,293,040</u>	<u>1,293,040</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Fund balance - ending</b>	<u><b>\$ 1,022,005</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 407,544</b></u>	<u><b>\$ (614,461)</b></u>

See Notes to Other Supplementary Information - Budgetary Comparison

SCHEDULE 2 (CONTINUED)

HALL COUNTY  
 BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL  
 MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
 For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

	Budget (Original & Final)	Actual	Favorable (Unfavorable)
<b><u>Building &amp; Improvement Reserve</u></b>			
Receipts			
Other	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Interfund transfers	2,173,421	2,173,421	-
Total receipts	<u>\$ 2,173,421</u>	<u>\$ 2,174,421</u>	<u>\$ 1,000</u>
Disbursements			
Capital outlay	\$ 4,804,899	\$ 1,117,588	\$ 3,687,311
Interfund transfers	-	-	-
Total disbursements	<u>\$ 4,804,899</u>	<u>\$ 1,117,588</u>	<u>\$ 3,687,311</u>
Net change in fund balance	\$ (2,631,478)	\$ 1,056,833	\$ 3,688,311
<b>Fund balance - beginning</b>	<u>2,631,478</u>	<u>2,631,478</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Fund balance - ending</b>	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 3,688,311</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 3,688,311</u></u>

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# Hall County

## Notes to Other Supplementary Information – Budgetary Comparison

June 30, 2017

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### 1. Presentation

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The County has presented budgetary comparison schedules for the General Fund, and for each major special revenue fund that has a legally adopted annual budget. These budgetary comparison schedules include the *original budget* and *final budget* amounts. The *original budget* is the first complete appropriated budget adjusted by reserves, transfers, allocations, supplemental appropriations, and other legally authorized legislative and executive changes before the beginning of the fiscal year. The original budget should also include actual appropriation amounts automatically carried over from prior years by law. The *final budget* is the original budget adjusted by all reserves, transfers, allocations, supplemental appropriations, and other legally authorized legislative and executive changes applicable to the fiscal year, whenever signed into law or otherwise legally authorized.

Two amendments to the original budget for the year ended June 30, 2017 were approved by the Board of Supervisors on May 30, 2017. The first amendment increased the County General Fund Election Commissioner by \$5,000. The second amendment was approved to increase the County General Fund District Judge by \$1,000. These amendments were both amounts that were reallocated within the General Fund. For this reason, the amendment will not be reflected on any schedules in this report as an interfund transfer. The final budget numbers have been updated to reflect these amendments.

### 2. Budget Process

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The County adopts an annual budget in accordance with statutory requirements of the Nebraska Budget Act. The budget is prepared on the cash receipts and disbursements basis of accounting. The County follows these procedures and controls in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the accompanying financial statements:

- Prior to July 1, the elected and appointed officials submit budget requests to the Board of Supervisors for the fiscal year commencing July 1.
- Public hearings are conducted at public meetings to obtain citizen and taxpayer comments.
- Prior to September 20, the budget is legally adopted by the Board of Supervisors after holding public hearings, through passage of resolutions.
- The Board of Supervisors is authorized to transfer budgeted amounts between departments within any fund through resolution; however, if revisions are made that alter the total expenditures of any fund, an additional public hearing must be held. The legal level of budgetary control for the General Fund is at the function level, and the special revenue fund types are at the fund level. The Board of Supervisors is also authorized to budget for the transfer of money between County funds.
- During the year, the County monitors budget performance as a management control device.

## Hall County

### Notes to Other Supplementary Information – Budgetary Comparison

**June 30, 2017**

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- Budgeted appropriations lapse at the end of the fiscal year.
- The property tax requirement resulting from the budget process is utilized by the County Assessor to establish the tax levy, which attaches as an enforceable lien on property within the County as of January 1. All unpaid taxes are delinquent as of September 1.

### **3. Budget Shortages**

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There were no expenditures in excess of budgeted appropriations at the appropriate budgetary control level for the year ended June 30, 2017.

**OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

HALL COUNTY  
 COMBINING SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN CASH BASIS FUND BALANCES  
 NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
 For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

	Equipment & Improvement Reserve	Insurance Reserve	Sick & Vacation Liability	Special Revenue	Reappraisal	Register of Deeds
<b>Receipts</b>						
Taxes:						
Property/motor vehicle	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
Intergovernmental receipts:						
Federal:						
Other grants	-	-	-	-	-	-
State:						
Lodging tax	-	-	-	-	-	-
Homestead exemption	-	-	-	-	-	-
Property tax credit	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pro-rate motor vehicles	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carline/airline tax	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grants	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-
Local fees, licenses, commissions and miscellaneous:						
P&M fees	-	-	-	-	-	37,205
In-lieu-of tax	-	-	-	-	-	-
911 surcharges	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sale of supplies & materials	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sale of property	-	-	-	-	-	-
Commissary sales	-	-	-	-	-	-
House arrest	-	-	-	-	-	-
Weed spraying assessment	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lottery	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	146,130	-	47,800	5,977	-	-
Interfund transfers	-	-	10,000	13	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>\$ 146,130</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 57,800</b>	<b>\$ 5,990</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 37,205</b>
<b>Disbursements</b>						
Personal service	\$ -	\$ -	18,812	\$ -	\$ -	-
Operating expense	-	-	-	5,556	-	23,214
Supplies & material	-	-	-	-	-	-
Equipment rental	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital outlay	91,792	-	-	550	-	-
Debt servicing	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interfund transfers	18,830	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total disbursements</b>	<b>\$ 110,622</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 18,812</b>	<b>\$ 6,106</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 23,214</b>
Net change in fund balance	\$ 35,508	\$ -	\$ 38,988	\$ (116)	\$ -	\$ 13,991
<b>Fund balances - beginning</b>	<b>342,245</b>	<b>508,084</b>	<b>36,111</b>	<b>52,431</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>48,162</b>
<b>Fund balances - ending</b>	<b>\$ 377,753</b>	<b>\$ 508,084</b>	<b>\$ 75,099</b>	<b>\$ 52,315</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 62,153</b>
Restricted	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	487	\$ -	62,153
Committed	377,753	508,084	75,099	51,828	-	-
	<b>\$ 377,753</b>	<b>\$ 508,084</b>	<b>\$ 75,099</b>	<b>\$ 52,315</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 62,153</b>

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**HALL COUNTY**  
**COMBINING SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN CASH BASIS FUND BALANCES**  
**NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2017**

Employment Security	Keno Lottery	Keno Reserve	Street Improvements	Noxious Weed	Visitors Promotion	Visitor Promo Improvement
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	479,063	479,063
-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	562	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	53,128	-	-
24	369	300	-	-	-	-
-	718,164	-	-	-	-	-
2,740	(1,573)	-	-	125	-	-
-	-	-	-	55,992	-	-
<b>\$ 2,764</b>	<b>\$ 716,960</b>	<b>\$ 300</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 109,807</b>	<b>\$ 479,063</b>	<b>\$ 479,063</b>
\$ 1,750	\$ 10,075	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 72,831	\$ -	\$ -
-	448,311	300	-	9,608	479,063	521,710
-	-	-	-	19,984	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	275,000	-	-	15,055	-	-
<b>\$ 1,750</b>	<b>\$ 733,386</b>	<b>\$ 300</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 117,478</b>	<b>\$ 479,063</b>	<b>\$ 521,710</b>
\$ 1,014	\$ (16,426)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (7,671)	\$ -	\$ (42,647)
79,239	458,765	50,000	-	41,903	-	484,910
<b>\$ 80,253</b>	<b>\$ 442,339</b>	<b>\$ 50,000</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 34,232</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 442,263</b>
\$ -	\$ 442,339	\$ 50,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 442,263
80,253	-	-	-	34,232	-	-
<b>\$ 80,253</b>	<b>\$ 442,339</b>	<b>\$ 50,000</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 34,232</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 442,263</b>

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HALL COUNTY  
 COMBINING SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN CASH BASIS FUND BALANCES  
 NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
 For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

	Canine	Drug Court	Drug Seizure	Drug Enforcement	Federal Drug Forfeiture	Diversion
Receipts						
Taxes:						
Property/motor vehicle	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Intergovernmental receipts:						
Federal:						
Other grants	-	-	-	-	-	-
State:						
Lodging tax	-	-	-	-	-	-
Homestead exemption	-	-	-	-	-	-
Property tax credit	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pro-rate motor vehicles	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carline/airline tax	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grants	-	267,793	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-
Local fees, licenses, commissions and miscellaneous:						
P&M fees	-	-	-	-	-	-
In-lieu-of tax	-	-	-	-	-	-
911 surcharges	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sale of supplies & materials	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sale of property	-	-	-	-	-	-
Commissary sales	-	-	-	-	-	-
House arrest	-	-	-	-	-	-
Weed spraying assessment	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest	-	-	-	-	9	-
Lottery	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	108,316	-	2,968	-	7,324
Interfund transfers	-	19,938	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 396,047</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 2,968</b>	<b>\$ 9</b>	<b>\$ 7,324</b>
Disbursements						
Personal service	\$ -	\$ 277,395	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
Operating expense	-	56,969	2,238	41,793	8,591	-
Supplies & material	-	10,485	-	-	-	-
Equipment rental	-	2,400	-	-	-	-
Capital outlay	-	1,310	-	-	-	6,627
Debt servicing	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interfund transfers	-	52,485	-	-	-	-
<b>Total disbursements</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 401,044</b>	<b>\$ 2,238</b>	<b>\$ 41,793</b>	<b>\$ 8,591</b>	<b>\$ 6,627</b>
Net change in fund balance	\$ -	\$ (4,997)	\$ (2,238)	\$ (38,825)	\$ (8,582)	\$ 697
<b>Fund balances - beginning</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>109,997</b>	<b>14,136</b>	<b>84,525</b>	<b>12,401</b>	<b>27,473</b>
<b>Fund balances - ending</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 105,000</b>	<b>\$ 11,898</b>	<b>\$ 45,700</b>	<b>\$ 3,819</b>	<b>\$ 28,170</b>
Restricted	\$ -	-	11,898	45,700	3,819	28,170
Committed	-	105,000	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 105,000</b>	<b>\$ 11,898</b>	<b>\$ 45,700</b>	<b>\$ 3,819</b>	<b>\$ 28,170</b>

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HALL COUNTY  
 COMBINING SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN CASH BASIS FUND BALANCES  
 NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
 For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

Inmate Welfare	ADA Fund	Institutions	Dependent	Veterans Services	Emergency Management	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,066	\$ 56,283	\$ 12,939	\$ -	\$ 78,288
-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	958,126
-	-	292	1,288	404	-	1,984
-	-	639	2,265	871	-	3,775
-	-	34	163	48	-	245
-	-	15	67	20	-	102
-	-	-	-	-	-	267,793
-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	37,205
-	-	66	254	95	-	415
-	-	-	-	-	198,217	198,217
-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	562
233,869	-	-	-	-	-	233,869
27,857	-	-	-	-	-	27,857
-	-	-	-	-	-	53,128
-	-	-	-	-	-	702
-	-	-	-	-	-	718,164
202,227	-	-	-	-	-	522,034
-	-	-	-	-	-	85,943
<b>\$ 463,953</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 10,112</b>	<b>\$ 60,320</b>	<b>\$ 14,377</b>	<b>\$ 198,217</b>	<b>\$ 3,188,409</b>
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 380,863
372,104	-	13,722	120,665	9,739	192,200	2,305,783
6,671	-	-	-	-	-	37,140
-	-	-	-	-	-	2,400
24,319	-	-	-	-	-	124,598
-	-	-	-	-	-	-
40,000	-	-	-	-	-	401,370
<b>\$ 443,094</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 13,722</b>	<b>\$ 120,665</b>	<b>\$ 9,739</b>	<b>\$ 192,200</b>	<b>\$ 3,252,154</b>
\$ 20,859	\$ -	\$ (3,610)	\$ (60,345)	\$ 4,638	\$ 6,017	\$ (63,745)
109,676	-	36,977	121,590	37,927	7,178	2,663,730
<b>\$ 130,535</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 33,367</b>	<b>\$ 61,245</b>	<b>\$ 42,565</b>	<b>\$ 13,195</b>	<b>\$ 2,599,985</b>
\$ -	\$ -	\$ 33,367	\$ 61,245	\$ 42,565	\$ 13,195	\$ 1,237,201
130,535	-	-	-	-	-	1,362,784
<b>\$ 130,535</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 33,367</b>	<b>\$ 61,245</b>	<b>\$ 42,565</b>	<b>\$ 13,195</b>	<b>\$ 2,599,985</b>

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HALL COUNTY  
 COMBINING SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN ASSETS AND LIABILITIES - CASH BASIS  
 FIDUCIARY FUNDS  
 For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

	State	Schools	Natural Resource District	Fire Districts	Municipalities	Agricultural Society
<b>ASSETS</b>						
Cash and cash equivalents						
Total assets - beginning	\$ 1,078,661	\$ 1,256,438	\$ 23,866	\$ 9,230	\$ 463,864	\$ 1,860
Additions	12,961,458	70,061,487	1,953,724	492,509	14,081,441	152,948
Deductions	(12,835,482)	(70,125,733)	(1,957,157)	(491,915)	(14,110,920)	(153,194)
<b>Total assets - ending</b>	<b>\$ 1,204,637</b>	<b>\$ 1,192,192</b>	<b>\$ 20,433</b>	<b>\$ 9,824</b>	<b>\$ 434,385</b>	<b>\$ 1,614</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>						
Due to other governments						
Total liabilities - beginning	\$ 1,078,661	\$ 1,256,438	\$ 23,866	\$ 9,230	\$ 463,864	\$ 1,860
Additions	12,961,458	70,061,487	1,953,724	492,509	14,081,441	152,948
Deductions	(12,835,482)	(70,125,733)	(1,957,157)	(491,915)	(14,110,920)	(153,194)
<b>Total liabilities - ending</b>	<b>\$ 1,204,637</b>	<b>\$ 1,192,192</b>	<b>\$ 20,433</b>	<b>\$ 9,824</b>	<b>\$ 434,385</b>	<b>\$ 1,614</b>

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**HALL COUNTY**  
**COMBINING SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN ASSETS AND LIABILITIES - CASH BASIS**  
**FIDUCIARY FUNDS**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2017**

Partial Payment	Townships	Airport Authority	Lodging Sales Tax	Unclaimed Property Trust Fund	SID	Total
\$ 37,289	\$ 15,415	\$ 20,071	\$ 362	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,907,056
142,534	(15,415)	1,775,697	1,936	-	-	101,608,319
(152,571)	-	(1,776,224)	(1,828)	-	-	(101,605,024)
<b>\$ 27,252</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 19,544</b>	<b>\$ 470</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 2,910,351</b>

\$ 37,289	\$ 15,415	\$ 20,071	\$ 362	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,907,056
142,534	(15,415)	1,775,697	1,936	-	-	101,608,319
(152,571)	-	(1,776,224)	(1,828)	-	-	(101,605,024)
<b>\$ 27,252</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 19,544</b>	<b>\$ 470</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 2,910,351</b>

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**HALL COUNTY**  
**SCHEDULE OF DISBURSEMENTS COMPARED TO BUDGET - CASH BASIS**  
**GENERAL FUND BY DEPARTMENT**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2017**  
**With Comparative Totals For The Year Ended June 30, 2016**

	General Government								
	Board of Supervisors	Clerk	Treasurer	Assessor	Supt. of Schools	Register of Deeds	Data Processing	Election Commissioner	Clerk of District Court
<b>Disbursements:</b>									
Personal service	\$ 355,875	\$ 260,540	\$ 858,885	\$ 554,576	\$ -	\$ 101,091	\$ 284,722	\$ 125,777	\$ 555,989
Operating expenses	2,101	90,441	4,104	22,774	4,000	3,043	435,469	14,689	12,393
Supplies/material	533	4,411	12,321	7,396	-	1,111	845	23,637	9,277
Equipment rental	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,156	-
Capital outlay	-	700	4,776	315	-	978	228,242	-	1,985
Interfund transfers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$ 358,509</b>	<b>\$ 356,092</b>	<b>\$ 880,086</b>	<b>\$ 585,061</b>	<b>\$ 4,000</b>	<b>\$ 106,223</b>	<b>\$ 949,278</b>	<b>\$ 167,259</b>	<b>\$ 579,644</b>
Budget	380,424	389,383	912,146	600,134	4,000	115,248	980,242	173,108	588,998
<b>Favorable (Unfavorable)</b>	<b>\$ 21,915</b>	<b>\$ 33,291</b>	<b>\$ 32,060</b>	<b>\$ 15,073</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 9,025</b>	<b>\$ 30,964</b>	<b>\$ 5,849</b>	<b>\$ 9,354</b>

	Public Safety								
	Sheriff	Attorney	Jail	Building Inspector	Misc	Probation Officer	Grants	Juvenile Diversion/Attention	Safety
<b>Disbursements:</b>									
Personal service	\$ 3,256,673	\$ 1,946,611	\$ 5,341,075	\$ 125,273	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 259,717	\$ -
Operating expenses	119,894	44,731	1,673,514	3,960	583,763	21,083	-	111,502	4,957
Supplies/material	76,364	14,878	94,559	1,763	-	24,562	-	4,798	-
Equipment rental	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital outlay	167,360	14,719	64,664	299	-	39,947	-	312	979
Interfund transfers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$ 3,620,291</b>	<b>\$ 2,020,939</b>	<b>\$ 7,173,812</b>	<b>\$ 131,295</b>	<b>\$ 583,763</b>	<b>\$ 85,592</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 376,329</b>	<b>\$ 5,936</b>
Budget	4,077,436	2,149,078	7,359,669	143,635	605,025	85,800	220,000	443,326	7,652
<b>Favorable (Unfavorable)</b>	<b>\$ 457,145</b>	<b>\$ 128,139</b>	<b>\$ 185,857</b>	<b>\$ 12,340</b>	<b>\$ 21,262</b>	<b>\$ 208</b>	<b>\$ 220,000</b>	<b>\$ 66,997</b>	<b>\$ 1,716</b>

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**HALL COUNTY**  
**SCHEDULE OF DISBURSEMENTS COMPARED TO BUDGET - CASH BASIS**  
**GENERAL FUND BY DEPARTMENT**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2017**  
**With Comparative Totals For The Year Ended June 30, 2016**

General Government									
Special Election	Justice System	County Court System	Building and Grounds	Agriculture Ext. Agent	Misc.	District Judge	Public Defender	Equipment Acquisition	Cadastral Maps
\$ -	\$ 17,451	\$ -	\$ 565,227	\$ 159,058	\$ 108	\$ 168,302	\$ 688,490	\$ -	\$ 158,150
-	1,428,978	713	254,488	56,081	1,344,868	13,107	19,999	-	9,482
-	-	20,239	34,301	1,598	-	2,666	4,240	-	1,198
-	-	-	3,800	2,382	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	4,850	46,837	24,365	-	1,598	5,400	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
\$ -	\$ 1,446,429	\$ 25,802	\$ 904,653	\$ 243,484	\$ 1,344,976	\$ 185,673	\$ 718,129	\$ -	\$ 168,830
60,000	1,700,255	26,028	922,302	262,766	1,882,960	186,575	720,711	-	176,975
<b>\$ 60,000</b>	<b>\$ 253,826</b>	<b>\$ 226</b>	<b>\$ 17,649</b>	<b>\$ 19,282</b>	<b>\$ 537,984</b>	<b>\$ 902</b>	<b>\$ 2,582</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 8,145</b>

Public Works		Public Welfare and Social Services		Culture and Recreation			Public Health	Other	Totals (Memorandum only) 2017	Totals (Memorandum only) 2016
Surveyor	Misc.	Veteran's Service Officer	Misc.	Parks	Stuhr Museum	Misc.	Misc.	Transfers		
\$ 101,080	\$ -	\$ 358,280	\$ 438,659	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,681,609	\$ 14,569,471
830	115,700	34,750	83,006	-	919,997	17,500	571,238	-	8,023,155	7,719,046
893	-	31	3,552	-	-	-	-	-	345,173	412,055
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9,338	9,225
4,995	-	1,000	3,728	-	-	-	-	-	618,049	1,037,599
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,482,099	2,482,099	3,310,260
\$ 107,798	\$ 115,700	\$ 394,061	\$ 528,945	\$ -	\$ 919,997	\$ 17,500	\$ 571,238	\$ 2,482,099	\$ 28,159,423	\$ 27,057,656
112,300	137,890	400,984	594,362	-	920,000	20,000	571,238	2,482,099	30,412,749	29,609,256
<b>\$ 4,502</b>	<b>\$ 22,190</b>	<b>\$ 6,923</b>	<b>\$ 65,417</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 3</b>	<b>\$ 2,500</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 2,253,326</b>	<b>\$ 2,551,600</b>

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**HALL COUNTY**  
**COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF TAX CERTIFIED**  
**CORRECTIONS AND COLLECTIONS**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2017**

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
<b>Tax certified by</b>					
<b>Assessor:</b>					
Real estate, personal, specials & intangible	\$ 79,235,096	\$ 83,188,039	\$ 91,123,870	\$ 94,363,076	\$ 96,653,108
Total	<u>\$ 79,235,096</u>	<u>\$ 83,188,039</u>	<u>\$ 91,123,870</u>	<u>\$ 94,363,076</u>	<u>\$ 96,653,108</u>
<b>Corrections:</b>					
Additions	\$ 116,361	\$ 87,710	\$ 130,318	\$ 97,660	\$ 17,421
Deductions	<u>(283,521)</u>	<u>(202,141)</u>	<u>(284,432)</u>	<u>(554,567)</u>	<u>(190,479)</u>
Net additions/(deductions)	<u>\$ (167,160)</u>	<u>\$ (114,431)</u>	<u>\$ (154,114)</u>	<u>\$ (456,907)</u>	<u>\$ (173,058)</u>
<b>Correct certified tax</b>	<u>\$ 79,067,936</u>	<u>\$ 83,073,608</u>	<u>\$ 90,969,756</u>	<u>\$ 93,906,169</u>	<u>\$ 96,480,050</u>
<b>Net tax collected (refunded) by County Treasurer</b>					
<b>for year ended:</b>					
June 30, 2013	\$ 45,242,940	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
June 30, 2014	33,865,655	48,140,982	-	-	-
June 30, 2015	(35,072)	34,948,613	53,681,363	-	-
June 30, 2016	(6,781)	5,982	37,312,656	55,715,189	-
June 30, 2017	<u>1,575</u>	<u>2,443</u>	<u>17,627</u>	<u>38,205,251</u>	<u>57,031,792</u>
Total net collections	<u>\$ 79,068,317</u>	<u>\$ 83,098,020</u>	<u>\$ 91,011,646</u>	<u>\$ 93,920,440</u>	<u>\$ 57,031,792</u>
Total uncollected tax	<u>\$ (381)</u>	<u>\$ (24,412)</u>	<u>\$ (41,890)</u>	<u>\$ (14,271)</u>	<u>\$ 39,448,258</u>
<b>Percentage of uncollected tax</b>	<u><b>0.00%</b></u>	<u><b>-0.03%</b></u>	<u><b>-0.05%</b></u>	<u><b>-0.02%</b></u>	<u><b>40.89%</b></u>

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S 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 Supervisors  
Hall County  
Grand Island, Nebraska

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 financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Hall County as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Hall County's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated November 22, 2017. Our report disclosed that, as described in Note 1 to the financial statements, the County prepares its financial statements on the cash basis of accounting, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted for governments in the United States of America.

***Internal Control over Financial Reporting***

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Hall County'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 Hall County's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Hall County's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section 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. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified. We did identify certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses that we consider to be significant deficiencies as items 2017-001, 2017-002, and 2017-003.

### ***Compliance and Other Matters***

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Hall County's financial statements are 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*.

### **Hall County's Response to Findings**

Hall County's response to the findings identified in our audit are described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Responses. Hall 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 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.

*Lutz & Company, P.C.*

Lutz & Company, P.C.  
Grand Island, Nebraska  
November 22, 2017

# Hall County

## Schedule of Findings and Responses

**June 30, 2017**

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**Finding 2017-001:** An ideal system of internal accounting control is that no person should be allowed to control a transaction from its inception to its recording in the accounting records. Although this division of duties is not always possible within your organization because of the limited number of employees, compensating or complementary controls may be implemented to mitigate the risk. (Significant Deficiency)

*Criteria:* Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining a sound system of internal control to prevent and detect misstatements due to error or fraud on a timely basis.

*Condition and Context:* For the year ending June 30, 2017, management failed to establish and maintain compensating or complementary controls to mitigate the risk arising from the lack of a sound system of internal control which properly segregates duties.

*Cause:* The entity's limited size and staffing resources have made it difficult for management to fully segregate duties in a cost-effective manner.

*Effect or Potential Effect:* Without the proper segregation of duties, the risk significantly increases that errors and fraud may occur and not be detected, which may result in material misstatement of the financial statements.

*Recommendation:* Management should establish, document, and maintain controls which mitigate the lack of segregation of duties.

*Responsible Official's Response:* The Board of Supervisors recognizes that we are unable to provide the necessary resources to fully segregate duties. However, we will continue to work with county officials to review ways to establish, document and maintain controls which mitigate the lack of segregation of duties.

**Finding 2017-002:** The County's policies and procedures related to cash management do not provide proper controls to prevent or detect misstatements related to error or fraud as evidenced by monitoring deficiencies in requests for reimbursement of funds. (Significant Deficiency)

*Criteria:* Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining a sound system of internal control to prevent and detect misstatements due to error or fraud on a timely basis.

*Condition and Context:* For the year ending June 30, 2017, management failed to establish and maintain a sound system of internal control which properly prevented or detected misstatements in various aspects of the cash management process.

*Cause:* The entity failed to design procedures which would provide for the accurate preparation and review of cash account reconciliations and ensure appropriate monitoring and reporting of cash accounts.

# Hall County

## Schedule of Findings and Responses

**June 30, 2017**

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*Effect or Potential Effect:* Without the proper controls, the risk significantly increases that errors and fraud may occur and not be detected, which may result in material misstatement of the financial statements.

*Recommendation:* Management should establish, document and maintain procedures which provide for the accurate preparation and review of cash account reconciliations and ensure appropriate monitoring of cash accounts.

*Responsible Official's Response:* The Board of Supervisors has established procedures related to cash management. The Audit Committee has addressed this issue with the Register of Deeds over multiple years. Some progress has been made and the committee will continue to work with the newly appointed official to remind them of these procedures.

**Finding 2017-003:** The County policies and procedures related to change orders have allowed these related expenses to be approved with third party vendors before being approved by the Board of Supervisors. We would recommend that Hall County review both the Hall County Policies and Procedures and Nebraska State Statutes to determine the correct process to follow for these items and amend the process, as necessary, in order to ensure compliance.

*Criteria:* Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining a sound system of internal control to prevent and detect misstatements due to error or fraud on a timely basis.

*Condition and Context:* For the year ending June 30, 2017, management failed to establish and maintain a sound system of internal control which properly prevented or detected misstatements in the change order approval process.

*Cause:* The entity failed to design and follow procedures which would provide for the proper approval and payment of change orders.

*Effect or Potential Effect:* Without the proper controls, the risk significantly increases that errors and fraud may occur and not be detected, which may result in material misstatement of the financial statements.

*Recommendation:* Management should establish, document and maintain procedures which provide for the proper approval of change orders.

*Responsible Official's Response:* The Board of Supervisors has established procedures related to change orders. The county attorney provided direction to the full county board during a public meeting on proper procedures so this issue does not occur again in the future.



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