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Auditor of State David A. Vaudt today released an audit report on the South Central Iowa Regional E-911 Service Board.

Vaudt reported the Service Board had total receipts of \$501,890 for the year ended June 30, 2006, a 1.7% decrease from 2005. The receipts included \$490,820 in surcharge fees and \$11,070 in interest on investments.

Disbursements for the year ended June 30, 2006 totaled \$472,973, a 26.6% decrease from 2005. Disbursements included \$127,724 for signs and equipment, \$122,060 for E-911 phone calls and cable expansion, \$121,374 for administration and \$101,815 for debt service.

The significant decrease in disbursements is primarily due to E-911 upgrades completed in fiscal 2005.

A copy of the audit report is available for review in the South Central Iowa Regional E-911 Service Board's Office, in the Office of Auditor of State and on the Auditor of State's web site at <u>http://auditor.iowa.gov/reports/reports.htm</u>.

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SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL E-911 SERVICE BOARD

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORTS FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS

JUNE 30, 2006

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Name	Title	Representing
Paul Welch	Board Chairman	Madison County
Dennis Denton John Van Vleet Bill Lyddon Phyllis Mullen Karen Benson Marty Duffus Ken Vanlandingham Mick Ware Lonnie Weed Roger Nurnberg	Board Member Board Member	Adair County Adair County Adams County Adams County Clarke County Clarke County Guthrie County Taylor County Taylor County Union County
John Coulter	Board Member	Union County
Stephen Patterson	Board Secretary/Treasurer	Guthrie County
Joni Holben	Administrator	



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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Members of the South Central Iowa Regional E-911 Service Board:

We have audited the accompanying financial statement of the South Central Iowa Regional E-911 Service Board as of and for the year ended June 30, 2006. This financial statement is the responsibility of the Service Board's officials. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statement based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, 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 statement is free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described in Note 1, this financial statement was prepared on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

In our opinion, the financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the cash basis financial position of the South Central Iowa Regional E-911 Service Board as of June 30, 2006, and the changes in its cash basis financial position for the year then ended in conformity with the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

In accordance with <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, we have also issued our report dated March 9, 2007 on our consideration of the South Central Iowa Regional E-911 Service Board's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with <u>Government Auditing Standards</u> and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

Management's Discussion and Analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 7 through 9 and 18 through 19 are not a required part of the financial statement, but are supplementary information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the supplementary information. We did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statement of the South Central Iowa Regional E-911 Service Board. Other supplementary information included in Schedule 1 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statement. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audit of the financial statement and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statement taken as a whole.

DAVID A. VAUDT, CPA Auditor of State WARREN G. JENKINS, CPA Chief Deputy Auditor of State

March 9, 2007

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

The South Central Iowa Regional E-911 Service Board provides this Management's Discussion and Analysis of its financial statement. This narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Board is for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2006. We encourage readers to consider this information in conjunction with the Board's financial statement, which follows.

2006 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The Service Board's total receipts decreased 1.7%, or \$8,868, from fiscal year 2005 to fiscal year 2006.
- The Service Board's total disbursements decreased \$171,734, or 26.6%, from fiscal year 2005 to fiscal year 2006.
- The Service Board's total cash basis net assets increased 11.2%, or \$28,917, from June 30, 2005 to June 30, 2006.

USING THIS ANNUAL REPORT

The South Central Iowa Regional E-911 Service Board has elected to present its financial statement on the cash basis of accounting. The cash basis of accounting is a basis of accounting other than U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Basis of accounting refers to when financial events are recorded, such as the timing for recognizing revenues, expenses and the related assets and liabilities. Under the Service Board's cash basis of accounting, revenues and expenses and the related assets and liabilities are recorded when they result from cash transactions.

As a result of the use of this cash basis of accounting, certain assets and their related revenues and liabilities and their related expenses are not recorded in this financial statement. Therefore, when reviewing the financial information and discussion within this annual report, readers should keep in mind the limitations resulting from the use of the cash basis of accounting.

The annual report is presented in a format consistent with the presentation of Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 34, as applicable to the Service Board's cash basis of accounting.

This discussion and analysis are intended to serve as an introduction to the South Central Iowa Regional E-911 Service Board's financial statement. The annual report consists of a financial statement and other information, as follows:

- Management's Discussion and Analysis introduces the financial statement and provides an analytical overview of the Board's financial activities.
- The Statement of Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Cash Basis Net Assets presents information on the South Central Iowa Regional E-911 Service Board's receipts and disbursements and whether the Board's cash basis financial position has improved or deteriorated as a result of the year's activities.
- The Notes to Financial Statement provide additional information essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the financial statement.
- Required Supplementary Information further explains and supports the financial statement with a comparison of the Board's budget for the year.
- The Schedule of Indebtedness provides details of the Service Board's debt at June 30, 2006.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE SERVICE BOARD

Statement of Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Cash Basis Net Assets

The purpose of the statement is to present the receipts received by the South Central Iowa Regional E-911 Service Board and the disbursements paid by the Board. The statement also presents a fiscal snapshot of the Board's cash balances at year end. Over time, readers of the financial statement are able to determine the Board's financial position by analyzing the increases and decreases in net assets.

Receipts are received on a quarterly basis for a surcharge added to each land phone line from the telephone companies within the participating counties of the Board. Disbursements are paid to operate the E-911 emergency telephone assistance system. Other receipts and disbursements are for interest on investments, repayment of debt and administration. A summary of cash receipts, disbursements and changes in cash basis net assets for the years ended June 30, 2006 and June 30, 2005 are presented below:

	Year ended June 30		
	2006	2005	
Operating receipts:			
Charges for service	\$ 490,820	505,483	
Operating disbursements:			
Signs and equipment	127,724	313,217	
Administration	121,374	109,104	
E-911 phone calls and cable expansion	122,060	122,561	
Total operating disbursements	371,158	544,882	
Excess (deficiency) of operating receipts			
over (under) operating disbursements	119,662	(39,399)	
Non-operating receipts (disbursements):			
Interest on investments	11,070	5,275	
Debt service	(101,815)	(99,825)	
Total non-operating disbursements	(90,745)	(94,550)	
Change in cash basis net assets	28,917	(133,949)	
Cash basis net assets beginning of year	259,297	393,246	
Cash basis net assets end of year	\$ 288,214	259,297	

The Service Board's net assets are used in the routine operations of the Board and for capital improvements to the E-911 system.

In fiscal year 2006, operating receipts decreased \$14,663, or 2.9%. The decrease was primarily a result of a decrease in the number of land line telephone customers. In fiscal year 2006, operating disbursements decreased \$173,724, or 31.9%, from fiscal year 2005. The decrease is primarily due to E-911 upgrades completed in fiscal 2005.

BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

The South Central Iowa Regional E-911 Service Board prepares a budget on the cash basis of accounting. There were no budget amendments during the year ended June 30, 2006.

The Service Board's receipts were \$63,590 more than budgeted. This was primarily due to the Service Board receiving more in telephone surcharge fees and interest on investments than anticipated.

Total disbursements were \$7,118 more than budgeted, primarily due to an increase in administrative costs over what was expected.

LONG-TERM DEBT

At June 30, 2006, the Service Board had \$505,000 of loan indebtedness outstanding. The loan was entered into during fiscal year 1999 to finance the costs of upgrading to an enhanced E-911 System.

ECONOMIC FACTORS

The South Central Iowa Regional E-911 Service Board is continuing to improve its financial position during the current fiscal year. A large factor in this was the approval of surcharge income from wireless phones. Some of the realities that may potentially become challenges for the Board to meet are:

- Facilities require constant maintenance and upkeep.
- Technology continues to expand and current technology becomes outdated, presenting an on going challenge to maintain up to date technology at a reasonable cost.
- Increase in monthly maintenance costs.
- Mapping changes to include cities, rural and county information, as well as bordering counties in which our emergency services answer.
- Increase in monthly rental costs over fiscal year 2006.
- Change in number of phone companies or number of lines covered.

The Service Board anticipates the current fiscal year will be much like the last and will maintain a close watch over resources to maintain the Board's ability to react to unknown issues.

CONTACTING THE BOARD'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers and creditors with a general overview of the Board's finances and to show the Board's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the South Central Iowa Regional E-911 Service Board, Attn: Joni Holben, Administrator, 411 Central Avenue, P.O. Box 14, Bedford, Iowa 50833.

Financial Statement

Statement of Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Cash Basis Net Assets

As of and for the year ended June 30, 2006

Operating receipts:	
Charges for service	\$ 490,820
Operating disbursements:	
Signs and equipment	127,724
Administration	121,374
E-911 phone calls and cable expansion	122,060
Total operating disbursements	 371,158
Excess of operating receipts over operating disbursements	 119,662
Non-operating receipts (disbursements):	
Interest on investments	11,070
Debt service:	
Principal	(75,000)
Interest	(26,415)
Registrar fees	(400)
Total non-operating disbursments	 (90,745)
Change in cash basis net assets	28,917
Cash basis net assets beginning of year	 259,297
Cash basis net assets end of year	\$ 288,214
Cash Basis Net Assets	
Restricted:	
E-911 services	\$ 288,214

See notes to financial statement.

Notes to Financial Statement

June 30, 2006 and 2005

(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The South Central Iowa Regional E-911 Service Board was formed in 1991 pursuant to the provisions of Chapters 28E and 34A of the Code of Iowa. The Service Board is to provide public safety service to the citizens of Adair, Adams, Clarke, Guthrie, Madison, Taylor and Union Counties.

The Service Board is composed of two representatives from each participating County. One shall be a representative of the County Board of Supervisors and the other shall be a representative of the County E-911 Service Board. Each representative has one vote and each representative may have an alternate who can vote in the member's absence. One representative position for Madison County was vacant at June 30, 2006.

A. <u>Reporting Entity</u>

For financial reporting purposes, the South Central Iowa Regional E-911 Service Board has included all funds and organizations. The Service Board has also considered all potential component units for which it is financially accountable and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the Service Board are such that exclusion would cause the Service Board's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. These criteria include appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body and (1) the ability of the Service Board to impose its will on that organization or (2) the potential for the organization to provide specific benefits to or impose specific financial burdens on the Service Board. The Service Board has no component units which meet the Governmental Accounting Standards Board criteria.

B. Basis of Presentation

The accounts of the Service Board are organized as an Enterprise Fund. Enterprise Funds may be used to report any activity for which a fee is charged to external users for goods or services.

Enterprise Funds distinguish operating receipts and disbursements from nonoperating items. Operating receipts and disbursements generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with an Enterprise Fund's principal ongoing operations. All receipts and disbursements not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating receipts and disbursements.

C. Basis of Accounting

The South Central Iowa Regional E-911 Service Board maintains its financial records on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements and the financial statement of the Service Board is prepared on that basis. The cash basis of accounting does not give effect to accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued items. Accordingly, the financial statement does not present financial position and results of operations of the funds in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

(2) Cash and Investments

- The Service Board's deposits in banks at June 30, 2006 were entirely covered by Federal depository insurance or by State Sinking Fund in accordance with Chapter 12C of the Code of Iowa. This chapter provides for additional assessments against the depositories to insure there will be no loss of public funds.
- The Service Board is authorized by statute to invest public funds in obligations of the United States government, its agencies and instrumentalities; certificates of deposit or other evidences of deposit at federally insured depository institutions approved by the Service Board; prime eligible bankers acceptances; certain high rated commercial paper; perfected repurchase agreements; certain registered open-end management investment companies; certain joint investment trusts; and warrants or improvement certificates of a drainage district.
- The Service Board had no investments meeting the disclosure requirements of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 3, as amended by Statement No. 40.

(3) Loan Agreement

- On April 15, 1999, the South Central Iowa Regional E-911 Service Board entered into a loan agreement with Guthrie County for assistance in financing the repayment of debt and specific improvements and upgrades for the E-911 service system. The agreement provided for Guthrie County to sell \$955,000 of general obligation E-911 notes on behalf of the Service Board. The Service Board received \$936,402 under the loan agreement.
- The loan agreement was entered into pursuant to authority contained in Chapters 331.402 and 331.443 of the Code of Iowa. The intention of the South Central Iowa Regional E-911 Service Board and the County is to repay the loan exclusively from the E-911 service surcharge fees.
- The Service Board is required to make semi-annual payments due on June 1 and December 1 in each of the years 1999 to 2012.

Year Ending	Interest				
June 30,	Rates	Pri	ncipal	Interest	Total
	I 4 400/	4			
2007	4.40%	\$	75,000	23,152	98,152
2008	4.45		80,000	19,853	99,853
2009	4.55		80,000	16,293	96,293
2010	4.60		85,000	12,653	97,653
2011	4.70		90,000	8,743	98,743
2012	4.75		95,000	4,513	99,513
Total		\$5	05,000	85,207	590,207

A summary of the Guthrie County June 30, 2006 loan indebtedness issued on behalf of the Service Board is as follows:

During the year ended June 30, 2006, \$75,000 of the loan was repaid to Guthrie County.

(4) Risk Management

The Service Board is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. These risks are covered by commercial insurance purchased from independent third parties. The Service Board assumes liability for any deductibles and claims in excess of coverage limitations. Settled claims for these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage for the past three years.

(5) Compensated Absences

The Service Board's employee accumulates a limited amount of earned but unused vacation hours for subsequent use or for payment upon termination, retirement or death. This accumulation is not recognized as a disbursement by the Service Board until used or paid. The Service Board's approximate liability for earned vacation termination payments payable to its employee at June 30, 2006, is as follows:

Type of Benefit	Amount
Vacation	\$ 1,300

This liability has been computed based on rates of pay in effect at June 30, 2006.

(6) Subsequent Event

In July 2006, the Service Board entered into a contract for \$108,000 for replacement of equipment, including a maintenance agreement on the equipment.

Required Supplementary Information

Budgetary Comparison Schedule of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Balances - Budget and Actual (Cash Basis)

Year Ended June 30, 2006

		Original	Final
		and Final	to Actual
	Actual	Budget	Variance
Receipts:			
Telephone surcharge fees	\$ 490,820	434,800	56,020
Miscellaneous	11,070	3,500	7,570
Total receipts	501,890	438,300	63,590
Disbursements:			
Signs and equipment	127,724	148,100	20,376
Administration	121,374	91,755	(29,619)
E-911 phone calls and cable expansion	122,060	128,000	5,940
Debt service	101,815	98,000	(3,815)
Total disbursements	472,973	465,855	(7,118)
Excess (deficiency) of receipts			
over (under) expenditures	28,917	(27,555)	70,708
Balance beginning of year	259,297	29,529	
Balance end of year	\$ 288,214	1,974	

See accompanying independent auditor's report.

Notes to Required Supplementary Information – Budgetary Reporting

June 30, 2006

- In accordance with the Code of Iowa, the Service Board annually adopts a budget on the cash basis following required public notice and hearing for all funds. The annual budget may be amended during the year utilizing similar statutory prescribed procedures. No budget amendments were adopted during the year ended June 30, 2006.
- Formal and legal budgetary control is based on total disbursements. During the year ended June 30, 2006, disbursements exceeded the amount budgeted.

Other Supplementary Information

Schedule of Indebtedness

Year ended June 30, 2006

	Date of	Interest	Amount Originally
Obligation	Issue	Rates	Issued
Loan agreement - Guthrie County: E-911 Operating	April 15, 1999	4.00 - 4.75%	\$ 955,000

See accompanying independent auditor's report.

Balance	Redeemed	Balance	
Beginning	During	End of	Interest
of Year	Year	Year	Paid
580,000	75,000	505,000	26,415



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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

To the Members of the South Central Iowa Regional E-911 Service Board:

We have audited the financial statement of the South Central Iowa Regional E-911 Service Board as of and for the year ended June 30, 2006, and have issued our report thereon dated March 9, 2007. Our report expressed an unqualified opinion on the financial statement which was prepared in conformity with an other comprehensive basis of accounting. We conducted our audit in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the South Central Iowa Regional E-911 Service Board's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statement and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting. However, we noted certain matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be reportable conditions. Reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control over financial reporting that, in our judgment, could adversely affect the South Central Iowa Regional E-911 Service Board's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements. Reportable conditions are described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings.

A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements caused by error or fraud in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statement being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses. However, of the reportable conditions described above, we believe items (A) and (B) are material weaknesses.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the South Central Iowa Regional E-911 Service Board's financial statement is free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, non-compliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance

David A. Vaudt, CPA Auditor of State 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 non-compliance or other matters required to be reported under <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>. However, we noted certain immaterial instances of non-compliance or other matters that are described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings.

Comments involving statutory and other legal matters about the Service Board's operations for the year ended June 30, 2006 are based exclusively on knowledge obtained from procedures performed during our audit of the financial statement of the Service Board. Since our audit was based on tests and samples, not all transactions that might have had an impact on the comments were necessarily audited. The comments involving statutory and other legal matters are not intended to constitute legal interpretations of those statutes.

This report, a public record by law, is intended solely for the information and use of the members and customers of the South Central Iowa Regional E-911 Service Board and other parties to whom the Service Board may report. This report is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

We would like to acknowledge the many courtesies and assistance extended to us by personnel of the South Central Iowa Regional E-911 Service Board during the course of our audit. Should you have any questions concerning any of the above matters, we shall be pleased to discuss them with you at your convenience.

DAVID A. VAUDT, CPA Auditor of State WARREN G. JENKINS, CPA Chief Deputy Auditor of State

March 9, 2007

Schedule of Findings

Year ended June 30, 2006

Findings Related to the Financial Statement:

REPORTABLE CONDITIONS:

- (A) <u>Segregation of Duties</u> One important aspect of internal control is the segregation of duties among employees to prevent an individual employee from handling duties which are incompatible. When duties are properly segregated, the activities of one employee act as a check on those of another. The cash receipts listing, bank deposits and the posting of the cash receipts to the cash receipts journal are all done by the same person.
 - <u>Recommendation</u> We realize segregation of duties is difficult with a limited number of employees. However, the Service Board should review its control procedures to obtain the maximum internal control possible under the circumstances utilizing currently available personnel to provide additional control through review of financial transactions, reconciliations and reports. Reviews performed by independent persons should be evidenced by initials or signature of the reviewer and the date of the review.
 - <u>Response</u> The South Central Iowa Regional E-911 Board feels the duties are segregated accordingly. There is more than one person who oversees the bank accounts for the board. Each person receives their own copy of bank records directly from the bank. The board does not feel there is enough activity nor the funds available to hire anyone new to handle the accounts.
 - <u>Conclusion</u> Response acknowledged. The Service Board should utilize current personnel to provide additional control through review/financial transactions, reconciliations and reports.
- (B) <u>Bank Reconciliations</u> Monthly reconciliations of the Service Board's balances to the bank accounts and investments were not prepared. A list of outstanding checks was not prepared at the end of each month.
 - <u>Recommendation</u> To improve financial accountability and control, a monthly reconciliation of the book and bank balances should be prepared and retained. Any variances should be investigated and resolved in a timely manner. A listing of outstanding checks should be prepared each month and retained.
 - <u>Response</u> All bank accounts are reconciled each month by the Administrator when the statements are received from the bank. A copy of the month's activities for each account is given to each board member at each monthly board meeting. Reconciled checks are represented in an adjacent column with an R while outstanding checks are left blank to show they have not been received by the bank.
 - <u>Conclusion</u> Response acknowledged. Bank accounts should be reconciled monthly to established book balances, including investments. A listing of outstanding checks should be prepared each month and retained.
- (C) <u>Disbursements</u> Invoices or other supporting documentation were not reviewed by the independent check signer prior to signing the checks.

Schedule of Findings

Year ended June 30, 2006

<u>Recommendation</u> – All invoices or other supporting documentation should be reviewed by the independent check signer prior to signing checks.

<u>Response</u> – As of the April 2007 meeting the bills will be checked and initialed by at least one check signer.

<u>Conclusion</u> – Response accepted.

- (D) <u>Investments</u> A detailed record of investment transactions was not maintained. Interest on investments totaling \$11,070 added to the investment principal was not receipted or posted to the accounting records. The revenue was properly recorded for audit purposes.
 - <u>Recommendation</u> A detailed record of investment transactions should be maintained on a current basis. This record should include investment number, purchase date, redemption date, interest rate and amount of principal and interest. All interest earned should be recorded in the accounting records.

<u>Response</u> – The board has received an example investment tracking form from the State Auditor and will begin using it.

<u>Conclusion</u> – Response accepted.

(E) <u>Uniform Chart of Accounts</u> – The Service Board's accounting system has the capability of categorizing account activity. However, the Board is not currently categorizing certain receipts and disbursements correctly.

<u>Recommendation</u> – Although these errors were corrected for audit purposes, the Service Board should correct account categories in order to properly and efficiently identify transactions for budgeting and reporting purposes.

<u>Response</u> – This error was discovered early in the 2006-07 budget year and has been corrected.

<u>Conclusion</u> – Response accepted.

INSTANCES OF NON-COMPLIANCE:

No matters were noted.

Schedule of Findings

Year ended June 30, 2006

Other Findings Related to Required Statutory Reporting:

- (1) <u>Certified Budget</u> Disbursements during the year ended June 30, 2006 exceeded the amount budgeted.
 - <u>Recommendation</u> The budget should have been amended in accordance with Chapter 24 of the Code of Iowa before disbursements were allowed to exceed the budget.
 - <u>Response</u> An amendment was not done for the 2005-06 budget. The Service Board has since begun keeping a monthly balance of budgeted amounts report and an amendment was completed for the following year. The Service Board will continue to complete a monthly budget balance report.

<u>Conclusion</u> – Response accepted.

- (2) <u>Questionable Disbursements</u> No disbursements we believe may not meet the requirements of public purpose as defined in an Attorney General's opinion dated April 25, 1979 were noted.
- (3) <u>Travel Expense</u> No disbursements of Service Board money for travel expenses of spouses of Service Board officials or employees were noted.
- (4) <u>Business Transactions</u> No business transactions between the Service Board and Service Board officials or employees were noted.
- (5) <u>Bond Coverage</u> Surety bond coverage of Service Board officials and employees is in accordance with statutory provisions. The amount of coverage should be reviewed annually to ensure the coverage is adequate for current operations.
- (6) <u>Board Minutes</u> No transactions were found that we believe should have been approved in the Service Board minutes but were not.
- (7) <u>Deposits and Investments</u> No instances of non-compliance with the deposit and investment provisions of Chapters 12B and 12C of the Code of Iowa and the Service Board's investment policy were noted.
- (8) <u>Mileage Reimbursement</u> Mileage was paid to the Service Board employee at 48.5 cents per mile. This rate exceeds the rate allowable by Chapter 70A.9 of the Code of Iowa and Service Board Policy.
 - <u>Recommendation</u> The mileage reimbursement rate should not exceed the rate established by the Code of Iowa and Board Policy.
 - <u>Response</u> The administrator was not aware of the mileage change and will make note of the change every year. The overpayment was corrected in the March 2007 reimbursement.

<u>Conclusion</u> – Response accepted.

Staff

This audit was performed by:

Marlys K. Gaston, CPA, Manager Donald J. Lewis, CPA, Staff Auditor

> Andrew E. Nielsen, CPA Deputy Auditor of State