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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 \$712,843 for the year ended June 30, 2007, a 42.0% increase over 2006. The receipts included \$698,710 in land line and wireless surcharge fees and \$12,712 in interest on investments.

The significant increase in receipts is primarily due to the increase in wireless surcharge fees received by the state in fiscal 2007, as well as a \$140,000 one time distribution of wireless surcharge fees from the State of Iowa for public safety answering point improvements.

Disbursements for the year ended June 30, 2007 totaled \$531,055, a 12.3% increase over 2006. Disbursements included \$222,206 for signs and equipment, \$108,296 for E-911 phone calls and cable expansion, \$102,001 for administration and \$98,552 for debt service.

The significant increase in disbursements is primarily due to E-911 upgrades completed in fiscal year 2007.

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, 2007

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<u>Name</u>

Title

Representing

(Before January 2007)

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 John Coulter	Board Member Board Member	Adair County Adair County Adams County Adams County Clarke County Clarke County Guthrie County Taylor County Taylor County Union County Union County
Stephen Patterson	Board Secretary/Treasurer	Guthrie County
Joni Holben	Administrator	
	(After January 2007)	
Paul Welch	Board Chairman	Madison County
Paul Welch Dennis Denton Steve Shelley Bill Lyddon Phyllis Mullen Karen Benson Marty Duffus Ken Vanlandingham Mick Ware Lonnie Weed Roger Nurnberg Ron Riley	Board Chairman Board Member Board Member	Madison County Adair County Adair County Adams County Adams County Clarke County Clarke County Clarke County Guthrie County Taylor County Taylor County Union County Union County
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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, 2007. 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, 2007, and the respective 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 10, 2008 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.

David A. Vaudt, CPA Auditor of State 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.

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DAVID A. VAUDT, CPA Auditor of State

WARREN G. ÆNKINS, CPA Chief Deputy Auditor of State

March 10, 2008

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, 2007. We encourage readers to consider this information in conjunction with the Service Board's financial statement, which follows.

2007 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The Service Board's total receipts increased 42.0%, or \$210,953, from fiscal year 2006 to fiscal year 2007.
- The Service Board's total disbursements increased \$58,082, or 12.3%, from fiscal year 2006 to fiscal year 2007.
- The Service Board's total cash basis net assets increased 63.1%, or \$181,788, from June 30, 2006 to June 30, 2007.

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 Service 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 Service Board's budget for the year.
- The Schedule of Indebtedness provides details of the Service Board's debt at June 30, 2007.

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 Service Board's financial position by analyzing the increases and decreases in net assets.

Receipts are received on a quarterly basis for surcharges added to each land phone line and each wireless phone. These fees are received from the telephone companies or the State of lowa, respectively, for phones 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, 2007 and June 30, 2006 are presented below:

	2007	2006
4		
\$	698,710	490,820
	222,206 102,001 108,296 432,503	127,724 121,374 122,060 371,158
	266,207	119,662
	12,712 1,421 (98,552) (84,419)	11,070 (101,815) (90,745)
	181,788	28,917
	288,214	259,297
\$	470,002	288,214
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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 2007, operating receipts increased \$207,890, or 42.4%. The increase was primarily a result of increased E-911 wireless surcharge fees collected. In fiscal year 2007, operating disbursements increased \$61,345, or 16.5%, over fiscal year 2006. The increase is primarily due to E-911 upgrades completed in fiscal 2007.

BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

The South Central Iowa Regional E-911 Service Board prepares a budget on the cash basis of accounting. The Service Board amended it's budget once during the year ended June 30, 2007.

The Service Board's receipts were \$254,677 more than budgeted. This was primarily due to the Service Board receiving more in wireless surcharge fees and interest on investments than anticipated.

Total disbursements were \$95,362 less than budgeted, primarily due to ongoing projects budgeted for the current year but not completed by the end of FY 2007.

LONG-TERM DEBT

At June 30, 2007, the Service Board had \$430,000 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 participating bordering counties.
- Increase in monthly rental costs over fiscal year 2007.
- 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

South Central Iowa Regional E-911 Service Board	
Statement of Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Cash Basis Net Assets	
As of and for the year ended June 30, 2007	
Operating receipts:	
Land line and wrieless surcharge fees	\$ 698,710
Operating disbursements: Signs and equipment Administration E-911 phone calls and cable expansion Total operating disbursements	222,206 102,001 108,296 432,503
Excess of operating receipts over operating disbursements	266,207
Non-operating receipts (disbursements): Interest on investments Miscellaneous Debt service: Principal Interest Registrar fees Total non-operating disbursments	12,712 1,421 (75,000) (23,152) (400) (84,419)
Change in cash basis net assets	181,788
Cash basis net assets beginning of year	288,214
Cash basis net assets end of year	\$ 470,002
Cash Basis Net Assets Restricted:	
E-911 services	\$ 470,002

See notes to financial statement.

Notes to Financial Statement

June 30, 2007

(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, 2007.

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, 2007 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 on June 1 and December 1 in each of the years 1999 to 2012.

Year Ending June 30,	Interest Rates	P	Principal	Interest	Total
2008 2009 2010 2011 2012	4.45% 4.55 4.60 4.70 4.75	\$	80,000 80,000 85,000 90,000 95,000	19,853 16,293 12,653 8,743 4,513	99,853 96,293 97,653 98,743 99,513
Total		\$	430,000	62,055	492,055

A summary of the Guthrie County June 30, 2007 loan indebtedness issued on behalf of the Service Board is as follows:

During the year ended June 30, 2007, \$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 payable to its employee was \$1,600 at June 30, 2007. This liability has been computed based on the rate of pay in effect at June 30, 2007.

(6) Subsequent Event

In November 2007, the Service Board entered into a contract for \$32,200 to upgrade the Norstar Telephone System.

Required Supplementary Information

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

Year Ended June 30, 2007

				Final
		Original	Final	to Actual
	Actual	Budget	Budget	Variance
		0	0	
Receipts:				
Land line and wireless surcharge fees	\$ 698,710	454,066	454,066	244,644
Miscellaneous	14,133	4,100	4,100	10,033
Total receipts	712,843	458,166	458,166	254,677
Disbursements:				
Signs and equipment	222,206	157,000	277,000	54,794
Administration	102,001	118,417	123,417	21,416
E-911 phone calls and cable expansion	108,296	128,000	128,000	19,704
Debt service	98,552	98,000	98,000	(552)
Total disbursements	531,055	501,417	626,417	95,362
France (defining or) of manints				
Excess (deficiency) of receipts				
over (under) expenditures	181,788	(43,251)	(168,251)	350,039
Balance beginning of year	288,214	1,974	1,974	286,240
Balance end of year	\$ 470,002	(41,277)	(166,277)	636,279
	<i>₩</i> 110,002	(11,411)	(100,211)	500,219

See accompanying independent auditor's report.

Notes to Required Supplementary Information – Budgetary Reporting

June 30, 2007

- The budgetary comparison is presented as Required Supplementary Information in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 41 for governments with significant budgetary perspective differences resulting from not being able to present budgetary comparisons.
- 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.
- During the year, one budget amendment increased budgeted disbursements by \$125,000. The budget amendments are reflected in the final budgeted amounts.
- Formal and legal budgetary control is based on total disbursements. During the year ended June 30, 2007, disbursements did not exceed the amount budgeted.

Other Supplementary Information

Schedule of Indebtedness

Year ended June 30, 2007

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

See accompanying independent auditor's report.

Balance Beginning of Year	Redeemed During Year	Balance End of Year	Interest Paid
505,000	75,000	430,000	23,152



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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 accompanying financial statement of the South Central Iowa Regional E-911 Service Board as of and for the year ended June 30, 2007, and have issued our report thereon dated March 10, 2008. 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 as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statement, but not for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the effectiveness of the South Central Iowa Regional E-911 Service Board's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the South Central Iowa Regional E-911 Service Board's internal control over financial reporting.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. However, as discussed below, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be significant deficiencies, including deficiencies we consider to be material weaknesses.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of the control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the South Central Iowa Regional E-911 Service Board's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with an other comprehensive basis of accounting such that there is more than a remote likelihood a misstatement of the South Central Iowa Regional E-911 Service Board's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the South Central Iowa Regional E-911 Service Board's internal control described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings to be significant deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting.

David A. Vaudt, CPA Auditor of State A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the South Central Iowa Regional E-911 Service Board's internal control.

Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in the internal control that might be significant deficiencies and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all significant deficiencies that are also considered to be material weaknesses. However, of the significant deficiencies described above, we believe items (A), (B) and (C) 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 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, 2007 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.

The South Central Iowa Regional E-911 Service Board's responses to findings identified in our audit are described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings. While we have expressed our conclusions on the South Central Iowa Regional E-911 Service Board's responses, we did not audit the South Central Iowa Regional E-911 Service Board's responses and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

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.

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DAVID A. VAUDT, CPA Auditor of State

WARREN G. ÆNKINS, CPA Chief Deputy Auditor of State

March 10, 2008

Schedule of Findings

Year ended June 30, 2007

Findings Related to the Financial Statement:

SIGNIFICANT DEFICIENCIES:

- (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 Service Board feels the duties are segregated accordingly as well as they can be. There is no money available to hire a second person for the purpose of segregating checks. Currently one location does receive all surcharge checks and deposits them into the bank account. The check stubs and all information received with these are sent to the Treasurer for records. Records are kept in two places and bank notices are sent to two employees in two different locations so all are aware of accounts.
 - <u>Conclusion</u> Response acknowledged. The Service Board should utilize current personnel, including Service Board members, to provide additional control through review of financial transactions, reconciliations and reports.
- (B) <u>Bank Reconciliations</u> The Service Board's book balances and bank and investment balances were not reconciled monthly. A list of outstanding checks was not prepared at the end of each month.
 - <u>Recommendation</u> To improve financial accountability and control, the book and bank balances should be reconciled monthly and the reconciliations should be 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> Each Service Board Member receives a monthly bank statement printout of each account for the previous month. Every check and deposit is listed on this printout along with an "R" for those checks that have been reconciled with the bank statement. The Board feels this is sufficient as it shows all activity in each account. The Administrator will begin listing at the bottom of each page each unreconciled check.
 - <u>Conclusion</u> Response acknowledged. Bank balances should be reconciled monthly to established book balances, including investments. A listing of outstanding checks should be prepared each month and retained.

Schedule of Findings

Year ended June 30, 2007

(C) <u>Transaction Categorization</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> – The Service Board should ensure correct account categories are used to properly identify transactions for budgeting and reporting purposes. This matter was resolved for audit purposes.

<u>Response</u> – Those categorized incorrectly have been corrected and will be checked for accuracy each month.

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

INSTANCES OF NON-COMPLIANCE:

No matters were noted.

Schedule of Findings

Year ended June 30, 2007

Other Findings Related to Required Statutory Reporting:

- (1) <u>Certified Budget</u> Disbursements during the year ended June 30, 2007 did not exceed the amount budgeted.
- (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> Except as noted, no transactions were found that we believe should have been approved in the Service Board minutes but were not.
 - Service Board minutes and the schedule of bills allowed were not published in accordance with Chapter 28E.6 of the Code of Iowa.
 - <u>Recommendation</u> The Service Board should ensure all minutes and the schedule of bills allowed are published in accordance with Chapter 28E.6 of the Code of Iowa.
 - <u>Response</u> The Service Board has taken notice of the law change in regards to publication of bills and meeting minutes. We have taken the steps to make sure they are being published. The Creston News Advertiser is the source the Service Board uses for their publications.

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

(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.

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