

**ATTESTATION REPORT  
OF  
LINCOLN COUNTY COURT**

**JULY 1, 2008 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2009**

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### LINCOLN COUNTY COURT

#### INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

We have examined the accompanying Schedule of Changes in Assets and Liabilities Arising from Cash Transactions of Lincoln County Court as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2009. The County Court's management is responsible for the Schedule. Our responsibility is to express an opinion based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and the standards applicable to attestation engagements contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States and, accordingly, included examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the Schedule and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe our examination provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the Schedule referred to above presents, in all material respects, the assets and liabilities arising from cash transactions of the Agency Funds of Lincoln County Court as of June 30, 2009, and the related activity for the fiscal year then ended, based on the accounting system and procedures prescribed by the Nebraska Supreme Court as described in Note 1.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated January 26, 2010, on our consideration of Lincoln County Court's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, 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 attestation engagement performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of our examination.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, the Supreme Court, others within the County Court, and the appropriate Federal and regulatory agencies; however, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

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January 26, 2010

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LINCOLN COUNTY COURT  
NORTH PLATTE, NEBRASKA  
**SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**  
**ARISING FROM CASH TRANSACTIONS**  
**AGENCY FUNDS**

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2009

|                              | Balance<br>July 1, 2008 | Additions    | Deductions   | Balance<br>June 30, 2009 |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>                |                         |              |              |                          |
| Cash and Deposits            | \$ 489,052              | \$ 2,345,210 | \$ 2,525,740 | \$ 308,522               |
| <b>LIABILITIES</b>           |                         |              |              |                          |
| Due to State Treasurer:      |                         |              |              |                          |
| Regular Fees                 | \$ 28,130               | \$ 317,957   | \$ 318,629   | \$ 27,458                |
| Law Enforcement Fees         | 2,088                   | 24,191       | 24,161       | 2,118                    |
| State Judges Retirement Fund | 8,294                   | 100,301      | 99,697       | 8,898                    |
| Court Administrative Fees    | 15,330                  | 180,814      | 182,305      | 13,839                   |
| Legal Services Fees          | 9,957                   | 118,643      | 117,939      | 10,661                   |
| Due to County Treasurer:     |                         |              |              |                          |
| Regular Fines                | 55,446                  | 614,992      | 621,344      | 49,094                   |
| Overload Fines               | 31,800                  | 274,745      | 281,190      | 25,355                   |
| Regular Fees                 | 2,721                   | 42,385       | 41,158       | 3,948                    |
| Petty Cash Fund              | 50                      | -            | -            | 50                       |
| Due to Municipalities:       |                         |              |              |                          |
| Regular Fines                | 1,066                   | 13,105       | 13,093       | 1,078                    |
| Regular Fees                 | 804                     | 6,577        | 6,696        | 685                      |
| Trust Fund Payable           | 333,366                 | 651,500      | 819,528      | 165,338                  |
| Total Liabilities            | \$ 489,052              | \$ 2,345,210 | \$ 2,525,740 | \$ 308,522               |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the schedule.

**LINCOLN COUNTY COURT**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL SCHEDULE**  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2009

**1. Criteria**

**A. Reporting Entity**

The Lincoln County Court is established by State Statute and is administratively operated through the Court Administrator's Office of the Nebraska Supreme Court, which is part of the State of Nebraska reporting entity. The Schedule of Changes in Assets and Liabilities Arising from Cash Transactions of the County Court reflect only the Agency Funds activity of the County Court; the receipts, and their subsequent disbursement to the appropriate entities for which they were collected. The Schedule does not reflect the personal services expenses of the County Court, which are paid by the Nebraska Supreme Court, or the operating expenses, which are paid by Lincoln County.

**B. Basis of Accounting**

The accounting records of the County Court Agency Funds are maintained, and the Schedule of Changes in Assets and Liabilities Arising from Cash Transactions have been prepared, based on the accounting system and procedures prescribed by the Nebraska Supreme Court. Under this system of accounting, fines, fees, and receipts relating to trust funds are shown as additions to assets and as an increase in the related liability when received. Likewise, disbursements are shown as deductions to assets and a decrease in the related liability when a check is written.

**2. Deposits and Investments**

Funds held by the County Court are deposited and invested in accordance with rules issued by the Supreme Court as directed by Neb. Rev. Stat. § 25-2713 (Reissue 2008). Funds are generally consolidated in an interest-bearing checking account; however, the County Court may order certain trust funds to be invested separately. Any deposits in excess of the amount insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation are required by Neb. Rev. Stat. § 77-2326.04 (Reissue 2009) to be secured either by a surety bond or as provided in the Public Funds Deposit Security Act.



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### **LINCOLN COUNTY COURT REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN EXAMINATION OF THE FINANCIAL SCHEDULE PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

We have examined the accompanying Schedule of Lincoln County Court as of and for the year ended June 30, 2009, and have issued our report thereon dated January 26, 2010. We conducted our examination in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the standards applicable to attestation engagements contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

#### Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our examination, we considered Lincoln County Court's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the Schedule, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the County Court's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the County Court's internal control over financial reporting.

A control deficiency 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 misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the entity's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with the accounting system and procedures prescribed by the Nebraska Supreme Court such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the entity's Schedule that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the Schedule will not be prevented or detected by the County Court's internal control.

Our consideration of 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 internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses as defined above.

#### Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Lincoln County Court's Schedule is free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws and regulations, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of Schedule 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*.

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