

**REPORT OF THE AUDIT OF THE  
PERRY COUNTY  
CLERK**

**For The Year Ended  
December 31, 2019**



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The Honorable Scott Alexander, Perry County Judge/Executive  
The Honorable Wayne Napier, Perry County Clerk  
Members of the Perry County Fiscal Court

Independent Auditor's Report

**Report on the Financial Statement**

We have audited the accompanying Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Excess Fees - Regulatory Basis of the County Clerk of Perry County, Kentucky, for the year ended December 31, 2019, and the related notes to the financial statement.

**Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statement**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of this financial statement in accordance with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the laws of Kentucky to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting and budget laws. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of a financial statement that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

**Auditor's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial statement based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the *Audit Guide for County Fee Officials* issued by the Auditor of Public Accounts, Commonwealth of Kentucky. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statement, 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 statement 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 statement.

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



The Honorable Scott Alexander, Perry County Judge/Executive  
 The Honorable Wayne Napier, Perry County Clerk  
 Members of the Perry County Fiscal Court

### **Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles**

As described in Note 1 of the financial statement, the financial statement is prepared by the Perry County Clerk on the basis of the accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the laws of Kentucky to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The effects on the financial statement of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 1 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material.

### **Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles**

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles paragraph, the financial statement referred to above does not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Perry County Clerk, as of December 31, 2019, or changes in financial position or cash flows thereof for the year then ended.

### **Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting**

In our opinion, the financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the receipts, disbursements, and excess fees of the Perry County Clerk for the year ended December 31, 2019, in accordance with the basis of accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Commonwealth of Kentucky as described in Note 1.

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

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 18, 2020, on our consideration of the Perry County Clerk's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Perry County Clerk's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Based on the results of our audit, we have presented the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Responses, included herein, which discusses the following report comment:

2019-001 The County Clerk Should Require The Depository Institution To Pledger Or Provide Additional Collateral Of \$246,863 And Enter Into A Written Agreement To Protect Deposits

Respectfully submitted,



Mike Harmon  
 Auditor of Public Accounts

June 18, 2020

PERRY COUNTY  
WAYNE NAPIER, COUNTY CLERK  
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND EXCESS FEES - REGULATORY BASIS

For The Year Ended December 31, 2019

Receipts

State Fees For Services	\$	7,184
Fiscal Court		16,902
Licenses and Taxes:		
Motor Vehicle-		
Licenses and Transfers	\$	1,025,323
Usage Tax		3,449,505
Tangible Personal Property Tax		2,605,646
Other-		
Marriage Licenses		7,242
Occupational Licenses		432
Deed Transfer Tax		37,792
Delinquent Tax		<u>1,074,338</u>
		8,200,278
Fees Collected for Services:		
Recordings-		
Deeds, Easements, and Contracts		15,292
Real Estate Mortgages		9,178
Chattel Mortgages and Financing Statements		84,784
All Other Recordings		27,133
Charges for Other Services-		
Copy Work		6,675
Extra Pages		<u>22,515</u>
		165,577
Other:		
Miscellaneous		4,549
Reimbursements		3,500
Election Reimbursements		<u>2,000</u>
		10,049
Interest Earned		<u>678</u>
Total Receipts		8,400,668

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

PERRY COUNTY  
WAYNE NAPIER, COUNTY CLERK  
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND EXCESS FEES - REGULATORY BASIS  
For The Year Ended December 31, 2019  
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Disbursements

Payments to State:

Motor Vehicle-

Licenses and Transfers \$ 721,277

Usage Tax 3,344,662

Tangible Personal Property Tax 991,121

Licenses, Taxes, and Fees-

Delinquent Tax 131,194

Legal Process Tax 23,876

Affordable Housing Trust 17,772 \$ 5,229,902

Payments to Fiscal Court:

Tangible Personal Property Tax 275,670

Delinquent Tax 75,874

Deed Transfer Tax 35,855

Occupational Licenses 271 387,670

Payments to Other Districts:

Tangible Personal Property Tax 1,232,561

Delinquent Tax 549,054 1,781,615

Payments to Sheriff

88,951

Payments to County Attorney

139,909

Operating Disbursements and Capital Outlay:

Personnel Services-

Deputies' Salaries 468,587

Part-Time Salaries 1,095

Employee Benefits-

Employer's Share Social Security 42,003

Contracted Services-

Advertising 70

Printing and Binding 5,207

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

PERRY COUNTY  
WAYNE NAPIER, COUNTY CLERK  
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND EXCESS FEES - REGULATORY BASIS  
For The Year Ended December 31, 2019  
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Disbursements (Continued)

Operating Disbursements and Capital Outlay: (Continued)

Materials and Supplies-			
Office Supplies	\$	33,471	
Other Charges-			
Conventions and Travel		6,338	
Dues		3,280	
Postage		5,030	
Refunds		7,306	
Insurance and Bonds		499	
Miscellaneous		612	
Insufficient Funds Checks		384	
Election Expenses		8,516	
Capital Outlay-			
Office Equipment		42,822	\$ 625,220
Total Disbursements			<u>\$ 8,253,267</u>
Net Receipts			147,401
Less: Statutory Maximum			<u>85,377</u>
Excess Fees			62,024
Less: Expense Allowance		3,600	
Training Incentive Benefit		1,054	<u>4,654</u>
Balance Due Fiscal Court at Completion of Audit*			<u>\$ 57,370</u>

\* - The county clerk presented a check to the fiscal court for excess fees in the amount of \$57,000 on March 31, 2020. The county clerk still owes the fiscal court \$370 as of date of audit.

PERRY COUNTY  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT

December 31, 2019

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Fund Accounting

A fee official uses a fund to report on the results of operations. A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain government functions or activities.

A fee official uses a fund for fees to account for activities for which the government desires periodic determination of the excess of receipts over disbursements to facilitate management control, accountability, and compliance with laws.

B. Basis of Accounting

KRS 64.820 directs the fiscal court to collect any amount, including excess fees, due from the county clerk as determined by the audit. KRS 64.152 requires the county clerk to settle excess fees with the fiscal court by March 15 each year.

The financial statement has been prepared on a regulatory basis of accounting, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. This basis demonstrates compliance with the laws of Kentucky and is a special purpose framework. Under this regulatory basis of accounting, receipts and disbursements are generally recognized when cash is received or disbursed, with the exception of accrual of the following items (not all-inclusive) at December 31 that may be included in the excess fees calculation:

- Interest receivable
- Collection on accounts due from others for 2019 services
- Reimbursements for 2019 activities
- Payments due other governmental entities for December tax and fee collections and payroll
- Payments due vendors for goods or services provided in 2019

The measurement focus of a fee official is upon excess fees. Remittance of excess fees is due to the county treasurer in the subsequent year.

C. Cash and Investments

KRS 66.480 authorizes the county clerk's office to invest in obligations of the United States and of its agencies and instrumentalities, obligations and contracts for future delivery or purchase of obligations backed by the full faith and credit of the United States, obligations of any corporation of the United States government, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of this state, and certificates of deposit issued by or other interest-bearing accounts of any bank or savings and loan institution which are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) or which are collateralized, to the extent uninsured, by any obligation permitted by KRS 41.240(4).

Note 2. Employee Retirement System and Other Post-Employment Benefits

The clerk's office has elected to participate, pursuant to KRS 78.530, in the County Employees Retirement System (CERS), which is administered by the Board of Trustees of the Kentucky Retirement Systems (KRS). This is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer, defined benefit pension plan, which covers all eligible full-time employees and provides for retirement, disability, and death benefits to plan members. Benefit contributions and provisions are established by statute.

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Note 2. Employee Retirement System and Other Post-Employment Benefits (Continued)

Nonhazardous covered employees are required to contribute five percent of their salary to the plan. Nonhazardous covered employees who begin participation on or after September 1, 2008, are required to contribute six percent of their salary to be allocated as follows: five percent will go to the member's account and one percent will go to the KRS insurance fund.

In accordance with Senate Bill 2, signed by the Governor on April 4, 2013, plan members who began participating on or after January 1, 2014, were required to contribute to the Cash Balance Plan. The Cash Balance Plan is known as a hybrid plan because it has characteristics of both a defined benefit plan and a defined contribution plan. Members in the plan contribute a set percentage of their salary each month to their own accounts. Nonhazardous covered employees contribute five percent of their annual creditable compensation. Nonhazardous members also contribute one percent to the health insurance fund which is not credited to the member's account and is not refundable. The employer contribution rate is set annually by the KRS Board of Directors based on an actuarial valuation. The employer contributes a set percentage of the member's salary. Each month, when employer contributions are received, an employer pay credit is deposited to the member's account. A member's account is credited with a four percent employer pay credit. The employer pay credit represents a portion of the employer contribution.

Benefits fully vest on reaching five years of service for nonhazardous employees. Aspects of benefits for nonhazardous employees include retirement after 27 years of service or age 65. Nonhazardous employees who begin participation on or after September 1, 2008, must meet the rule of 87 (member's age plus years of service credit must equal 87, and the member must be a minimum of 57 years of age) or the member is age 65, with a minimum of 60 months service credit.

The county's contribution rate for nonhazardous employees was 21.48 percent for the first half of the year and 24.06 percent for the second half of the year.

Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB)

A. Health Insurance Coverage - Tier 1

CERS provides post-retirement health care coverage as follows:

For members participating prior to July 1, 2003, years of service and respective percentages of the maximum contribution are as follows:

<b>Years of Service</b>	<b>% Paid by Insurance Fund</b>	<b>% Paid by Member through Payroll Deduction</b>
20 or more	100%	0%
15-19	75%	25%
10-14	50%	50%
4-9	25%	75%
Less than 4	0%	100%

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Note 2. Employee Retirement System and Other Post-Employment Benefits (Continued)

Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) (Continued)

A. Health Insurance Coverage - Tier 1 (Continued)

As a result of House Bill 290 (2004 General Assembly), medical insurance benefits are calculated differently for members who began participation on or after July 1, 2003. Once members reach a minimum vesting period of ten years, non-hazardous employees whose participation began on or after July 1, 2003, earn ten dollars per month for insurance benefits at retirement for every year of earned service without regard to a maximum dollar amount. This dollar amount is subject to adjustment annually based on the retiree cost of living adjustment, which is updated annually due to changes in the Consumer Price Index.

Benefits are covered under KRS 161.714 with exception of COLA and retiree health benefits after July 2003.

B. Health Insurance Coverage - Tier 2 and Tier 3 - Nonhazardous

Once members reach a minimum vesting period of 15 years, earn ten dollars per month for insurance benefits at retirement for every year of earned service without regard to a maximum dollar amount. This dollar amount is subject to adjustment annually by 1.5 percent. This was established for Tier 2 members during the 2008 Special Legislative Session by House Bill 1. During the 2013 Legislative Session, Senate Bill 2 was enacted, creating Tier 3 benefits for members.

The monthly insurance benefit has been increased annually as a 1.5 percent cost of living adjustment (COLA) since July 2003 when the law changed. The annual increase is cumulative and continues to accrue after the member's retirement.

Tier 2 member benefits are covered by KRS 161.714 with exception of COLA and retiree health benefits after July 2003. Tier 3 members are not covered by the same provisions.

C. Cost of Living Adjustments - Tier 1

The 1996 General Assembly enacted an automatic cost of living adjustment (COLA) provision for all recipients of KRS benefits. During the 2008 Special Session, the General Assembly determined that each July beginning in 2009, retirees who have been receiving a retirement allowance for at least 12 months will receive an automatic COLA of 1.5 percent. The COLA is not a guaranteed benefit. If a retiree has been receiving a benefit for less than 12 months, and a COLA is provided, it will be prorated based on the number of months the recipient has been receiving a benefit.

D. Cost of Living Adjustments - Tier 2 and Tier 3

No COLA is given unless authorized by the legislature with specific criteria. To this point, no COLA has been authorized by the legislature for Tier 2 or Tier 3 members.

E. Death Benefit

If a retired member is receiving a monthly benefit based on at least 48 months of service credit, KRS will pay a \$5,000 death benefit payment to the beneficiary designated by the member specifically for this benefit. Members with multiple accounts are entitled to only one death benefit.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
December 31, 2019  
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Note 2. Employee Retirement System and Other Post-Employment Benefits (Continued)

KRS Annual Financial Report and Proportionate Share Audit Report

KRS issues a publicly available annual financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information on CERS. This report may be obtained by writing the Kentucky Retirement Systems, 1260 Louisville Road, Frankfort, KY 40601-6124, or by telephone at (502) 564-4646.

KRS also issues proportionate share audit reports for both total pension liability and other post-employment benefits for CERS determined by actuarial valuation as well as each participating county's proportionate share. Both the Schedules of Employer Allocations and Pension Amounts by Employer and the Schedules of Employer Allocations and OPEB Amounts by Employer reports and the related actuarial tables are available online at <https://kyret.ky.gov>. The complete actuarial valuation report, including all actuarial assumptions and methods, is also available on the website or can be obtained as described in the paragraph above.

Note 3. Deposits

The Perry County Clerk maintained deposits of public funds with depository institutions insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) as required by KRS 66.480(1)(d). According to KRS 41.240, the depository institution should pledge or provide sufficient collateral which, together with FDIC insurance, equals or exceeds the amount of public funds on deposit at all times. In order to be valid against the FDIC in the event of failure or insolvency of the depository institution, this pledge or provision of collateral should be evidenced by an agreement between the county clerk and the depository institution, signed by both parties, that is (a) in writing, (b) approved by the board of directors of the depository institution or its loan committee, which approval must be reflected in the minutes of the board or committee, and (c) an official record of the depository institution. These requirements were not met because the county clerk did not have a written agreement with the bank.

Custodial Credit Risk - Deposits

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a depository institution failure the county clerk's deposits may not be returned. The Perry County Clerk does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk but rather follows the requirements of KRS 66.480(1) (d) and KRS 41.240. On June 10, 2019, the county clerk's bank balance was exposed to custodial credit risk as follows:

- Uncollateralized and Uninsured \$246,863

Note 4. State Grant

The Perry County Clerk's office received a local records microfilming grant from the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives. The beginning balance in the grant account as of January 1, 2019, was \$9,213. The account earned interest of \$11 leaving a balance of \$9,224 in the grant account as of December 31, 2019.

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 NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
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Note 5. Lease Agreements

The Perry County Clerk's office was committed to the following lease agreements as of December 31, 2019:

Item Purchased	Monthly Payment	Term Of Agreement	Ending Date	Principal Balance December 31, 2019
Copier	\$ 235	48	2/22	\$ 5,635
Computer Equipment and Software	1,610	60	4/22	\$ 9,660
Copier	197	60	5/22	\$ 7,103
Postage meter and scale	165	60	1/21	\$ 825

Note 6. Court Ordered Restitution

The Commonwealth's Attorney conducted an investigation resulting in the prosecution of the former bookkeeper of the Perry County Clerk's office. On March 25, 2010, the former employee pled guilty, pursuant to North Carolina v Alford, 400 U.S. 25 (1970), to the amended count of Official Misconduct 1<sup>st</sup> Degree (a Class A misdemeanor), which was committed between January 30, 2006 and December 30, 2006. The circuit court ordered restitution of \$21,473, payable to the Perry County Circuit Clerk's office in monthly payments of \$150. During calendar year 2019, the Perry County Circuit Clerk collected \$750 from the former employee in restitution. Subsequently, the restitution was paid to the Perry County Fiscal Court as 2006 calendar year excess fees. As of December 31, 2019, total restitution due to the Perry County Fiscal Court as 2006 excess fees is \$5,623 with \$300 of this total being due to the Kentucky State Treasurer for 2006 legal process fees.

Note 7. Outstanding Checks Held In Escrow

The Perry County Clerk deposited outstanding checks into an escrow account. When statutorily required, the county clerk will turn over the escrowed funds to the Kentucky State Treasurer as unclaimed property. The county clerk's escrowed amounts were as follows:

2019 \$522

REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND  
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Members of the Perry County Fiscal Court

Report On Internal Control Over Financial Reporting And  
On Compliance And Other Matters Based On An Audit Of The Financial  
Statement Performed In Accordance With *Government Auditing Standards*

Independent Auditor's Report

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 Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Excess Fees - Regulatory Basis of the Perry County Clerk for the year ended December 31, 2019, and the related notes to the financial statement and have issued our report thereon dated June 18, 2020. The Perry County Clerk's financial statement is prepared on a regulatory basis of accounting, which demonstrates compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting and budget laws, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

**Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statement, we considered the Perry County Clerk'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 opinion on the financial statement, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Perry County Clerk's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Perry County Clerk's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. However, as described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Responses, we identified a certain deficiency in internal control that we consider to be a material weakness.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statement will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. We consider the deficiency described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Responses as item 2019-001 to be a material weakness.



Report On Internal Control Over Financial Reporting And  
On Compliance And Other Matters Based On An Audit Of The Financial  
Statement Performed In Accordance With *Government Auditing Standards*  
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**Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Perry County Clerk's financial statement is free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed an instance of noncompliance or other matters that is required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*, and which is described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Responses as item 2019-001.

**Views of Responsible Official and Planned Corrective Action**

The Perry County Clerk's views and planned corrective action for the finding identified in our audit is described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Responses. The Perry County Clerk's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statement 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.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mike Harmon  
Auditor of Public Accounts

June 18, 2020

## SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES

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PERRY COUNTY  
WAYNE NAPIER, COUNTY CLERK  
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES

For The Year Ended December 31, 2019

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDING:

2019-001 The County Clerk Should Require The Depository Institution To Pledge Or Provide Additional Collateral Of \$246,863 And Enter Into A Written Agreement To Protect Deposits

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The county clerk should require the depository institution to pledge or provide additional collateral and enter into a written agreement to protect deposits. On June 10, 2019, the county clerk's deposits of public funds were uninsured and unsecured in the amount of \$246,863.

According to KRS 66.480(1) (d) and KRS 41.420(4), financial institutions maintaining deposits of public funds are required to pledge securities or provide surety bonds as collateral to secure these deposits if the amounts on deposit exceed the \$250,000 amount of insurance coverage provided by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

A lack of proper oversight resulted in a portion of the county clerk's deposits being uninsured and unsecured. The county clerk should require the depository institution to pledge or provide collateral in an amount sufficient to secure deposits of public funds at all times.

We recommend the county clerk enter into a written agreement with the depository institution to secure the county clerk's interest in the collateral pledged or provided by the depository institution. According to federal law, 12 U.S.C.A.1823 (e), this agreement, in order to be recognized as valid by the FDIC, should be (a) in writing, (b) approved by the board of directors of the depository institution or its loan committee, which approval must be reflected in the minutes of the board or committee, and (c) an official record of the depository institution.

*County Clerk's Response: The county clerk has been in contact with the financial institution to have this increased.*