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To the County Commission
and
Officeholders of Gasconade County, Missouri

The Office of the State Auditor is responsible under Section 29.230, RSMo, for auditing certain operations of Gasconade County, and issues a separate report on that audit. In addition, the Office of the State Auditor has contracted for an audit of the county's financial statements for the 2 years ended December 31, 2017, through the state Office of Administration, Division of Purchasing and Materials Management. A copy of this audit, performed by Daniel Jones & Associates, Certified Public Accountants, is attached.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Nicole R. Galloway", is positioned above the printed name. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end of the last name.

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THE COUNTY OF GASCONADE
HERMANN, MISSOURI
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AND INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORTS
AND SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
DECEMBER 31, 2017 AND 2016

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HERMANN, MISSOURI
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FINANCIAL SECTION



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the County Commission
The County of Gasconade, Missouri

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the County of Gasconade ("County"), Missouri, which comprise cash and unencumbered cash for each fund as of December 31, 2017, and 2016, and the related statements of cash receipts and disbursements and changes in cash balances-budget and actual for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the regulatory basis of accounting, a financial reporting framework prescribed or permitted by Missouri law as described in Note I of the accompanying financial statements. This includes determining that the regulatory basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statements in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

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

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

As described in Note I of the financial statements, the financial statements are prepared on the basis of the financial reporting provisions prescribed or permitted by Missouri law, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, to meet the requirements of Missouri.

The effects on the financial statements of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note I 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 statements referred to above do not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of each fund of the County as of December 31, 2017, and 2016, or changes in financial position or cash flows thereof for the years then ended.

Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the cash and unencumbered cash of each fund of the County as of December 31, 2017, and 2016, and their respective cash receipts and disbursements, and budgetary results for the years then ended in accordance with the financial reporting provisions prescribed or permitted by Missouri law described in Note I.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 14, 2018, on our consideration of the County of Gasconade’s internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely 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 effectiveness of the County’s 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 County of Gasconade’s internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Daniel Jones & Associates

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CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS
ARNOLD, MISSOURI

June 14, 2018

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

THE COUNTY OF GASCONADE
HERMANN, MISSOURI
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN CASH BALANCES -
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS - REGULATORY BASIS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

FUND	CASH BALANCES JANUARY 1, 2017	RECEIPTS 2017	DISBURSEMENTS 2017	CASH BALANCES DECEMBER 31, 2017
General Revenue Fund	\$ 238,934.70	\$ 2,355,592.06	\$ 2,305,223.87	\$ 289,302.89
Special Road and Bridge Fund	746,052.37	2,221,828.25	2,115,901.47	851,979.15
Assessment Fund	594,099.89	259,018.80	245,212.96	607,905.73
Union Electric SOP Fund	183,435.96	51,625.72	166,869.50	68,192.18
Law Enforcement Training Fund	1,651.73	1,880.44	2,316.00	1,216.17
Prosecuting Attorney Training Fund	682.48	423.48	270.00	835.96
Administration Handling Costs Fund	18,284.77	34,076.75	23,468.83	28,892.69
Election Services Fund	6,255.17	5,412.78	6,093.59	5,574.36
Election Technology Fund	2.81	-	-	2.81
Recorder's Retention of Records Fund	29,232.61	25,852.65	15,324.81	39,760.45
Recorder's Technology Fund	6,620.44	4,597.48	5,750.00	5,467.92
Family Service and Justice Fund	22,161.37	3,298.75	5,200.00	20,260.12
Victims of Domestic Violence Fund	295.26	568.95	-	864.21
Sheriff's Law Enforcement Civil Fee Fund	1,639.87	46,758.65	42,932.51	5,466.01
Sheriff's Revolving CCW Fees Fund	22,488.76	1,144.59	1,217.00	22,416.35
Courthouse Restoration Fund	198,880.21	548,541.17	698,782.50	48,638.88
Collector's Tax Maintenance Fund	84,456.97	22,489.00	16,162.39	90,783.58
TOTAL	<u>\$ 2,155,175.37</u>	<u>\$ 5,583,109.52</u>	<u>\$ 5,650,725.43</u>	<u>\$ 2,087,559.46</u>

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

THE COUNTY OF GASCONADE
HERMANN, MISSOURI
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN CASH BALANCES -
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS - REGULATORY BASIS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

FUND	CASH BALANCES JANUARY 1, 2016	RECEIPTS 2016	DISBURSEMENTS 2016	CASH BALANCES DECEMBER 31, 2016
General Revenue Fund	\$ 284,393.35	\$ 2,166,247.21	\$ 2,211,705.86	\$ 238,934.70
Special Road and Bridge Fund	607,018.53	2,135,375.45	1,996,341.61	746,052.37
Assessment Fund	555,945.24	255,953.36	217,798.71	594,099.89
Union Electric SOP Fund	241,082.33	56,473.77	114,120.14	183,435.96
Law Enforcement Training Fund	1,354.08	2,133.79	1,836.14	1,651.73
Prosecuting Attorney Training Fund	373.73	308.75	-	682.48
Administration Handling Costs Fund	20,233.84	6,090.24	8,039.31	18,284.77
Election Services Fund	3,950.48	17,197.92	14,893.23	6,255.17
Election Technology Fund	370.19	0.62	368.00	2.81
Recorder's Retention of Records Fund	25,591.53	20,324.63	16,683.55	29,232.61
Recorder's Technology Fund	7,910.98	3,959.46	5,250.00	6,620.44
Family Service and Justice Fund	22,525.25	3,006.12	3,370.00	22,161.37
Victims of Domestic Violence Fund	361.61	433.65	500.00	295.26
Sheriff's Law Enforcement Civil Fee Fund	9,818.93	22,722.10	30,901.16	1,639.87
Sheriff's Revolving CCW Fees Fund	15,731.66	22,720.22	15,963.12	22,488.76
Courthouse Restoration Fund	-	198,880.21	-	198,880.21
Collector's Tax Maintenance Fund	85,577.70	24,863.00	25,983.73	84,456.97
TOTAL	<u>\$ 1,882,239.43</u>	<u>\$ 4,936,690.50</u>	<u>\$ 4,663,754.56</u>	<u>\$ 2,155,175.37</u>

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THE COUNTY OF GASCONADE
HERMANN, MISSOURI
COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN CASH BALANCES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS - REGULATORY BASIS
YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017 AND 2016

	GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
	2017		2016	
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL
RECEIPTS				
Property Taxes	\$ 362,800.00	\$ 373,605.93	\$ 338,700.00	\$ 353,596.53
Sales Taxes	1,200,000.00	1,206,969.46	1,187,500.00	1,165,817.92
Intergovernmental	70,462.00	120,524.39	124,107.00	84,735.47
Charges for Services	460,685.00	516,484.88	446,630.00	434,322.35
Interest	9,100.00	12,720.43	8,100.00	8,873.47
Other	8,000.00	19,018.47	18,000.00	19,897.76
Transfers In	111,000.00	106,268.50	106,000.00	99,003.71
TOTAL RECEIPTS	2,222,047.00	2,355,592.06	2,229,037.00	2,166,247.21
DISBURSEMENTS				
County Commission	125,923.00	125,096.45	127,009.00	120,792.17
County Clerk	87,452.00	77,812.05	82,812.00	75,875.78
Elections	91,403.00	86,394.46	185,782.00	174,529.45
Buildings and Grounds	78,867.00	141,995.31	135,859.00	139,766.74
County Treasurer	52,978.00	51,345.41	52,506.00	51,029.92
Collector	159,330.00	145,349.73	159,533.00	140,514.74
Circuit Clerk/Recorder	130,208.00	98,241.78	129,139.00	92,687.69
Associate Circuit Court	10,800.00	3,462.80	11,300.00	5,133.72
Family Court/Juvenile Office	33,750.00	28,204.68	43,800.00	28,501.67
Public Administrator	55,484.00	48,872.96	54,386.00	46,286.43
Sheriff	756,591.00	755,543.19	666,259.00	645,090.07
Jail	245,265.00	269,424.31	218,629.00	223,809.66
Prosecuting Attorney	185,682.00	181,518.91	181,464.00	180,595.18
County Coroner	38,926.00	38,818.89	30,126.00	28,690.90
Surveyor	11,500.00	5,323.79	21,853.00	20,313.13
Swiss Shed	12,000.00	11,804.29	7,500.00	10,446.41
Other	296,294.00	236,014.86	292,467.00	227,642.20
Transfers Out	-	-	-	-
Emergency Fund	66,661.00	-	66,871.00	-
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	2,439,114.00	2,305,223.87	2,467,295.00	2,211,705.86
RECEIPTS OVER (UNDER)				
DISBURSEMENTS	(217,067.00)	50,368.19	(238,258.00)	(45,458.65)
CASH BALANCES, JANUARY 1	238,934.70	238,934.70	284,393.35	284,393.35
CASH BALANCES, DECEMBER 31	\$ 21,867.70	\$ 289,302.89	\$ 46,135.35	\$ 238,934.70

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BUDGET AND ACTUAL - ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS - REGULATORY BASIS
YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017 AND 2016

	SPECIAL ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND			
	2017		2016	
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL
RECEIPTS				
Property Taxes	\$ 610,000.00	\$ 611,179.80	\$ 522,432.00	\$ 599,705.44
Sales Taxes	836,000.00	843,659.20	836,500.00	814,186.99
Intergovernmental	481,300.00	481,044.93	481,300.00	476,467.24
Charges for Services	-	-	-	-
Interest	5,100.00	5,294.00	4,300.00	4,822.12
Other	194,700.00	280,650.32	173,500.00	240,193.66
Transfers In	-	-	-	-
TOTAL RECEIPTS	2,127,100.00	2,221,828.25	2,018,032.00	2,135,375.45
DISBURSEMENTS				
Salaries and Employee Fringe Benefits	649,208.00	610,050.45	604,219.00	584,930.04
Office	17,050.00	9,503.68	26,970.00	19,549.70
Construction & Repairs	1,841,800.00	1,395,634.31	1,719,300.00	1,296,797.98
Other	-	-	-	-
Transfers Out	105,000.00	100,713.03	100,000.00	95,063.89
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	2,613,058.00	2,115,901.47	2,450,489.00	1,996,341.61
RECEIPTS OVER (UNDER)				
DISBURSEMENTS	(485,958.00)	105,926.78	(432,457.00)	139,033.84
CASH BALANCES, JANUARY 1	746,052.37	746,052.37	607,018.53	607,018.53
CASH BALANCES, DECEMBER 31	\$ 260,094.37	\$ 851,979.15	\$ 174,561.53	\$ 746,052.37

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COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN CASH BALANCES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS - REGULATORY BASIS
YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017 AND 2016

	ASSESSMENT FUND				UNION ELECTRIC SOP FUND			
	2017		2016		2017		2016	
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL
RECEIPTS								
Intergovernmental	\$ 47,175.00	\$ 44,028.00	\$ 45,898.00	\$ 47,174.79	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Charges for Services	193,300.00	211,675.27	183,480.00	205,612.27	50,000.00	50,449.00	58,600.00	54,769.18
Interest	3,200.00	3,315.53	3,000.00	3,166.30	1,200.00	679.22	1,200.00	1,255.59
Other	-	-	-	-	2,000.00	497.50	-	449.00
Transfers In	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL RECEIPTS	243,675.00	259,018.80	232,378.00	255,953.36	53,200.00	51,625.72	59,800.00	56,473.77
DISBURSEMENTS								
Salaries and Employee Fringe Benefits	231,331.00	194,434.50	226,388.00	184,011.47	13,250.00	20,337.73	12,856.00	7,417.58
Office	73,801.00	50,778.46	61,875.00	33,787.24	195,600.00	140,976.30	160,074.00	102,762.74
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers Out	-	-	-	-	6,000.00	5,555.47	6,000.00	3,939.82
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	305,132.00	245,212.96	288,263.00	217,798.71	214,850.00	166,869.50	178,930.00	114,120.14
RECEIPTS OVER (UNDER) DISBURSEMENTS	(61,457.00)	13,805.84	(55,885.00)	38,154.65	(161,650.00)	(115,243.78)	(119,130.00)	(57,646.37)
CASH BALANCES, JANUARY 1	594,099.89	594,099.89	555,945.24	555,945.24	183,435.96	183,435.96	241,082.33	241,082.33
CASH BALANCES, DECEMBER 31	<u>\$ 532,642.89</u>	<u>\$ 607,905.73</u>	<u>\$ 500,060.24</u>	<u>\$ 594,099.89</u>	<u>\$ 21,785.96</u>	<u>\$ 68,192.18</u>	<u>\$ 121,952.33</u>	<u>\$ 183,435.96</u>

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COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN CASH BALANCES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS - REGULATORY BASIS
YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017 AND 2016

	LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING FUND				PROSECUTING ATTORNEY TRAINING FUND			
	2017		2016		2017		2016	
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL
RECEIPTS								
Intergovernmental	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Charges for Services	1,230.00	1,280.00	1,700.00	1,220.00	268.00	321.75	330.00	305.09
Interest	10.00	9.44	10.00	77.65	3.00	5.48	4.00	3.66
Other	900.00	591.00	1,500.00	836.14	-	96.25	-	-
Transfers In	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL RECEIPTS	2,140.00	1,880.44	3,210.00	2,133.79	271.00	423.48	334.00	308.75
DISBURSEMENTS								
Training	3,600.00	2,316.00	4,500.00	1,836.14	271.00	270.00	300.00	-
Services and Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers Out	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	3,600.00	2,316.00	4,500.00	1,836.14	271.00	270.00	300.00	-
RECEIPTS OVER (UNDER)								
DISBURSEMENTS	(1,460.00)	(435.56)	(1,290.00)	297.65	-	153.48	34.00	308.75
CASH BALANCES, JANUARY 1	1,651.73	1,651.73	1,354.08	1,354.08	682.48	682.48	373.73	373.73
CASH BALANCES, DECEMBER 31	\$ 191.73	\$ 1,216.17	\$ 64.08	\$ 1,651.73	\$ 682.48	\$ 835.96	\$ 407.73	\$ 682.48

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BUDGET AND ACTUAL - ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS - REGULATORY BASIS
YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017 AND 2016

	ADMINISTRATION HANDLING COSTS FUND				ELECTION SERVICES FUND			
	2017		2016		2017		2016	
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL
RECEIPTS								
Intergovernmental	\$ 45,780.00	\$ 30,398.26	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,098.00	\$ 5,368.65	\$ 18,346.00	\$ 17,178.10
Charges for Services	3,515.00	3,587.00	6,916.00	5,978.00	-	-	-	-
Interest	100.00	91.49	84.00	112.24	20.00	44.13	40.00	19.82
Other	-	-	-	-	250.00	-	500.00	-
Transfers In	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL RECEIPTS	49,395.00	34,076.75	7,000.00	6,090.24	7,368.00	5,412.78	18,886.00	17,197.92
DISBURSEMENTS								
Salaries and Employee Fringe Benefits	44,886.00	21,161.80	-	-	-	-	-	-
Training	2,000.00	740.00	2,000.00	810.11	-	-	-	-
Supplies	496.00	360.69	-	-	6,200.00	1,915.59	10,600.00	3,561.75
Equipment	9,675.00	1,206.34	6,039.31	7,229.20	2,553.00	-	12,000.00	11,331.48
Software	-	-	-	-	4,500.00	4,178.00	200.00	-
Transfers Out	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	57,057.00	23,468.83	8,039.31	8,039.31	13,253.00	6,093.59	22,800.00	14,893.23
RECEIPTS OVER (UNDER)								
DISBURSEMENTS	(7,662.00)	10,607.92	(1,039.31)	(1,949.07)	(5,885.00)	(680.81)	(3,914.00)	2,304.69
CASH BALANCES, JANUARY 1	18,284.77	18,284.77	20,233.84	20,233.84	6,255.17	6,255.17	3,950.48	3,950.48
CASH BALANCES, DECEMBER 31	<u>\$ 10,622.77</u>	<u>\$ 28,892.69</u>	<u>\$ 19,194.53</u>	<u>\$ 18,284.77</u>	<u>\$ 370.17</u>	<u>\$ 5,574.36</u>	<u>\$ 36.48</u>	<u>\$ 6,255.17</u>

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BUDGET AND ACTUAL - ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS - REGULATORY BASIS
YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017 AND 2016

	ELECTION TECHNOLOGY FUND				RECORDER'S RETENTION OF RECORDS FUND			
	2017		2016		2017		2016	
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL
RECEIPTS								
Intergovernmental	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Charges for Services	-	-	-	-	15,000.00	25,675.29	15,000.00	20,174.59
Interest	-	-	-	0.62	135.00	177.36	115.00	150.04
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers In	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL RECEIPTS	-	-	-	0.62	15,135.00	25,852.65	15,115.00	20,324.63
DISBURSEMENTS								
Office	-	-	368.00	368.00	-	-	-	-
Equipment	-	-	-	-	7,000.00	1,323.00	10,000.00	950.00
Software	-	-	-	-	14,750.00	14,001.81	14,750.00	15,733.55
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers Out	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	-	-	368.00	368.00	21,750.00	15,324.81	24,750.00	16,683.55
RECEIPTS OVER (UNDER)								
DISBURSEMENTS	-	-	(368.00)	(367.38)	(6,615.00)	10,527.84	(9,635.00)	3,641.08
CASH BALANCES, JANUARY 1	2.81	2.81	370.19	370.19	29,232.61	29,232.61	25,591.53	25,591.53
CASH BALANCES, DECEMBER 31	<u>\$ 2.81</u>	<u>\$ 2.81</u>	<u>\$ 2.19</u>	<u>\$ 2.81</u>	<u>\$ 22,617.61</u>	<u>\$ 39,760.45</u>	<u>\$ 15,956.53</u>	<u>\$ 29,232.61</u>

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	RECORDER'S TECHNOLOGY FUND				FAMILY SERVICE AND JUSTICE FUND			
	2017		2016		2017		2016	
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL
RECEIPTS								
Intergovernmental	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Charges for Services	3,500.00	4,563.75	4,000.00	3,923.50	2,770.00	3,192.00	4,600.00	2,889.00
Interest	35.00	33.73	40.00	35.96	110.00	106.75	130.00	117.12
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers In	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL RECEIPTS	3,535.00	4,597.48	4,040.00	3,959.46	2,880.00	3,298.75	4,730.00	3,006.12
DISBURSEMENTS								
Office	-	-	-	-	3,000.00	-	3,500.00	-
Training	1,000.00	500.00	-	-	-	-	-	-
Software	5,250.00	5,250.00	5,250.00	5,250.00	-	-	-	-
Attorney Fees	-	-	-	-	20,000.00	5,200.00	23,700.00	3,370.00
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers Out	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	6,250.00	5,750.00	5,250.00	5,250.00	23,000.00	5,200.00	27,200.00	3,370.00
RECEIPTS OVER (UNDER)								
DISBURSEMENTS	(2,715.00)	(1,152.52)	(1,210.00)	(1,290.54)	(20,120.00)	(1,901.25)	(22,470.00)	(363.88)
CASH BALANCES, JANUARY 1	6,620.44	6,620.44	7,910.98	7,910.98	22,161.37	22,161.37	22,525.25	22,525.25
CASH BALANCES, DECEMBER 31	\$ 3,905.44	\$ 5,467.92	\$ 6,700.98	\$ 6,620.44	\$ 2,041.37	\$ 20,260.12	\$ 55.25	\$ 22,161.37

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	VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FUND				SHERIFF'S LAW ENFORCEMENT CIVIL FEE FUND			
	2017		2016		2017		2016	
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL
RECEIPTS								
Intergovernmental	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Charges for Services	500.00	565.00	500.00	430.00	39,420.00	22,256.95	38,000.00	22,679.00
Interest	5.00	3.95	5.00	3.65	20.00	61.30	200.00	43.10
Other	-	-	-	-	20,000.00	24,440.40	2,000.00	-
Transfers In	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL RECEIPTS	505.00	568.95	505.00	433.65	59,440.00	46,758.65	40,200.00	22,722.10
DISBURSEMENTS								
Office	500.00	-	500.00	500.00	3,700.00	2,350.51	4,200.00	674.31
Vehicle Lease	-	-	-	-	-	-	28,848.00	25,021.65
Training	-	-	-	-	10,000.00	-	500.00	-
Equipment	-	-	-	-	45,000.00	40,582.00	16,450.00	5,205.20
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers Out	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	500.00	-	500.00	500.00	58,700.00	42,932.51	49,998.00	30,901.16
RECEIPTS OVER (UNDER) DISBURSEMENTS	5.00	568.95	5.00	(66.35)	740.00	3,826.14	(9,798.00)	(8,179.06)
CASH BALANCES, JANUARY 1	295.26	295.26	361.61	361.61	1,639.87	1,639.87	9,818.93	9,818.93
CASH BALANCES, DECEMBER 31	<u>\$ 300.26</u>	<u>\$ 864.21</u>	<u>\$ 366.61</u>	<u>\$ 295.26</u>	<u>\$ 2,379.87</u>	<u>\$ 5,466.01</u>	<u>\$ 20.93</u>	<u>\$ 1,639.87</u>

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	SHERIFF'S REVOLVING CCW FEES FUND				COURTHOUSE RESTORATION FUND			
	2017		2016		2017		2016	
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL
RECEIPTS								
Intergovernmental	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Charges for Services	14,000.00	1,008.00	16,000.00	21,236.50	-	-	-	-
Interest	100.00	111.59	100.00	105.74	100.00	741.17	-	98.94
Other	100.00	25.00	-	1,377.98	500,000.00	547,800.00	150,000.00	198,781.27
Transfers In	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL RECEIPTS	14,200.00	1,144.59	16,100.00	22,720.22	500,100.00	548,541.17	150,000.00	198,880.21
DISBURSEMENTS								
Office	12,000.00	1,122.00	10,000.00	14,849.06	-	-	-	-
Training	4,000.00	-	3,000.00	-	-	-	-	-
Other	4,000.00	95.00	3,000.00	1,114.06	-	-	-	-
Courthouse Remodel	-	-	-	-	698,880.00	698,782.50	150,000.00	-
Transfers Out	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	20,000.00	1,217.00	16,000.00	15,963.12	698,880.00	698,782.50	150,000.00	-
RECEIPTS OVER (UNDER) DISBURSEMENTS	(5,800.00)	(72.41)	100.00	6,757.10	(198,780.00)	(150,241.33)	-	198,880.21
CASH BALANCES, JANUARY 1	22,488.76	22,488.76	15,731.66	15,731.66	198,880.21	198,880.21	-	-
CASH BALANCES, DECEMBER 31	\$ 16,688.76	\$ 22,416.35	\$ 15,831.66	\$ 22,488.76	\$ 100.21	\$ 48,638.88	\$ -	\$ 198,880.21

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COLLECTOR'S TAX MAINTENANCE FUND				
	2017		2016	
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL
RECEIPTS				
Property Taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-
Charges for Services	23,900.00	21,900.00	25,700.00	24,396.00
Interest	440.00	589.00	425.00	467.00
Other	-	-	-	-
Transfers In	-	-	-	-
TOTAL RECEIPTS	24,340.00	22,489.00	26,125.00	24,863.00
DISBURSEMENTS				
Office	7,800.00	1,587.39	7,100.00	1,184.73
Software	37,000.00	14,225.00	31,000.00	21,096.00
Equipment	15,350.00	-	27,350.00	3,303.00
Furniture	15,000.00	-	15,000.00	-
Professional Services	3,000.00	300.00	3,000.00	300.00
Training	600.00	50.00	600.00	100.00
Courthouse Remodel	-	-	-	-
Transfers Out	-	-	-	-
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	78,750.00	16,162.39	84,050.00	25,983.73
RECEIPTS OVER (UNDER)				
DISBURSEMENTS	(54,410.00)	6,326.61	(57,925.00)	(1,120.73)
CASH BALANCES, JANUARY 1	84,456.97	84,456.97	85,577.70	85,577.70
CASH BALANCES, DECEMBER 31	<u>\$ 30,046.97</u>	<u>\$ 90,783.58</u>	<u>\$ 27,652.70</u>	<u>\$ 84,456.97</u>

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	Surplus Tax	Unclaimed Fees	School Fine	School Building	City Intangible	School Districts
ASSETS						
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 53,946.54	\$ 300.13	\$ 17,817.40	\$ 600.00	\$ 4,566.12	\$ 16,349.52
Total Assets	<u>53,946.54</u>	<u>300.13</u>	<u>17,817.40</u>	<u>600.00</u>	<u>4,566.12</u>	<u>16,349.52</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES						
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>53,946.54</u>	<u>300.13</u>	<u>17,817.40</u>	<u>600.00</u>	<u>4,566.12</u>	<u>16,349.52</u>
UNRESERVED FUND BALANCES	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 53,946.54</u>	<u>\$ 300.13</u>	<u>\$ 17,817.40</u>	<u>\$ 600.00</u>	<u>\$ 4,566.12</u>	<u>\$ 16,349.52</u>

	Ambulances	Fire District	Morrison Levee	Hermann Area Hospital	Gasconade County Health Dept	Senate Bill 40
ASSETS						
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 372.82	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,162.17	\$ 396.17	\$ 396.17
Total Assets	<u>372.82</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,162.17</u>	<u>396.17</u>	<u>396.17</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES						
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>372.82</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,162.17</u>	<u>396.17</u>	<u>396.17</u>
UNRESERVED FUND BALANCES	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 372.82</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,162.17</u>	<u>\$ 396.17</u>	<u>\$ 396.17</u>

	Gasconade County Mental	Library	CERF	Collector	Sheriff's	Prosecuting Attorney Restitution
ASSETS						
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 327.88	\$ 826.08	\$ 3,051.46	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Assets	<u>327.88</u>	<u>826.08</u>	<u>3,051.46</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES						
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>327.88</u>	<u>826.08</u>	<u>3,051.46</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
UNRESERVED FUND BALANCES	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 327.88</u>	<u>\$ 826.08</u>	<u>\$ 3,051.46</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

	Morrison Special #4	East Central College	Gasconade Manor Nursing Home	Sheriff Deputy Salary Supplement Fund	Total Agency Funds
ASSETS					
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 367.50	\$ 1,320.00	\$ 101,799.96
Total Assets	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>367.50</u>	<u>1,320.00</u>	<u>101,799.96</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES					
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>367.50</u>	<u>1,320.00</u>	<u>101,799.96</u>
UNRESERVED FUND BALANCES	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 367.50</u>	<u>\$ 1,320.00</u>	<u>\$ 101,799.96</u>

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	Surplus Tax	Unclaimed Fees	School Fine	School Building	City Intangible	School Districts
ASSETS						
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 6,907.17	\$ 309.91	\$ 18,051.13	\$ 800.00	\$ 5,428.64	\$ 18,816.97
Total Assets	<u>6,907.17</u>	<u>309.91</u>	<u>18,051.13</u>	<u>800.00</u>	<u>5,428.64</u>	<u>18,816.97</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES						
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>6,907.17</u>	<u>309.91</u>	<u>18,051.13</u>	<u>800.00</u>	<u>5,428.64</u>	<u>18,816.97</u>
UNRESERVED FUND BALANCES	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 6,907.17</u>	<u>\$ 309.91</u>	<u>\$ 18,051.13</u>	<u>\$ 800.00</u>	<u>\$ 5,428.64</u>	<u>\$ 18,816.97</u>

	Ambulances	Fire District	Morrison Levee	Hermann Area Hospital	Gasconade County Health Dept	Senate Bill 40
ASSETS						
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 507.32	\$ 2.53	\$ 1.54	\$ 1,424.29	\$ 475.54	\$ 475.54
Total Assets	<u>507.32</u>	<u>2.53</u>	<u>1.54</u>	<u>1,424.29</u>	<u>475.54</u>	<u>475.54</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES						
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>507.32</u>	<u>2.53</u>	<u>1.54</u>	<u>1,424.29</u>	<u>475.54</u>	<u>475.54</u>
UNRESERVED FUND BALANCES	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 507.32</u>	<u>\$ 2.53</u>	<u>\$ 1.54</u>	<u>\$ 1,424.29</u>	<u>\$ 475.54</u>	<u>\$ 475.54</u>

	Gasconade County Mental	Library	CERF	Collector	Sheriff's	Prosecuting Attorney Restitution
ASSETS						
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 393.57	\$ 991.58	\$ 112.86	\$ -	\$ (14.00)	\$ 1,182.00
Total Assets	<u>393.57</u>	<u>991.58</u>	<u>112.86</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(14.00)</u>	<u>1,182.00</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES						
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>393.57</u>	<u>991.58</u>	<u>112.86</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(14.00)</u>	<u>1,182.00</u>
UNRESERVED FUND BALANCES	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 393.57</u>	<u>\$ 991.58</u>	<u>\$ 112.86</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (14.00)</u>	<u>\$ 1,182.00</u>

	Morrison Special #4	East Central College	Gasconade Manor Nursing Home	Sheriff Deputy Salary Supplement Fund	Total Agency Funds
ASSETS					
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 437.47	\$ 965.00	\$ 57,269.06
Total Assets	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>437.47</u>	<u>965.00</u>	<u>57,269.06</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES					
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>437.47</u>	<u>965.00</u>	<u>57,269.06</u>
UNRESERVED FUND BALANCES	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 437.47</u>	<u>\$ 965.00</u>	<u>\$ 57,269.06</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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I. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The County of Gasconade, Missouri ("County"), which is governed by a three-member board of commissioners, was established in 1820 by an Act of the Missouri Territory. In addition to the three Commissioners, there are 10 elected Constitutional Officers: Assessor, County Clerk, Collector, Coroner, Treasurer, County Surveyor, Circuit Clerk/Recorder of Deeds, Sheriff, Public Administrator and Prosecuting Attorney.

As discussed further in Note I, these financial statements are presented on the regulatory basis of accounting. This basis of accounting differs from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP).

A. Reporting Entity

As required by generally accepted accounting principles, as applicable to the regulatory basis of accounting, these financial statements present financial accountability of the County.

The County's operations include tax assessments and collections, state/county courts, county recorder, police protection, transportation, economic development, social and human services, and cultural and recreation services.

The financial statements referred to above include only the primary government of Gasconade County, Missouri, which consists of all funds, organizations, institutions, agencies, departments, and offices that comprise the County's legal entity. The financial statements do not include financial data for the County's legally separate component unit, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, as applicable to the regulatory basis of accounting, the Gasconade County Senate Bill 40 Board has issued separate reporting entity audited financial statements.

The County is also responsible for appointing a majority of the members of the board of the Community Mental Health Services Board but the County's accountability for this organization does not extend beyond making appointments.

B. Basis of Presentation

The financial statements are presented using accounting practices prescribed or permitted by Missouri Law, which include a Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Cash Balances – All Governmental Funds, a Comparative Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Cash Balances – Budget and Actual – All Governmental Funds, and a Statement of Assets and Liabilities Arising from Cash Transactions – Agency Funds.

Governmental resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds based upon the purposes for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled. A fund is considered a separate accounting entity with self-balancing accounts. The following fund types are used by the County:

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I. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

B. Basis of Presentation (concluded)

Governmental Fund Types

Governmental funds are those through which most governmental functions are financed. The County's expendable financial resources are accounted for through governmental funds. The measurement focus is upon determination of and changes in financial position rather than upon net income.

Fiduciary Fund Types

Agency – Agency funds are used to account for assets held by the County in a trustee capacity as an agent of individuals, private organizations, other funds or other governmental units. Agency funds are accounted for and reported similar to the governmental funds. Agency funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve the measurement of results of operations. These funds account for activities of collections for other taxing units by the Collector of Revenue and other officeholders.

C. Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting determines when transactions are recorded in the financial records and reported on the financial statements.

The financial statements are prepared on the regulatory basis of accounting. This basis of accounting recognizes amounts when received or disbursed in cash and differs from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Those principles require revenues to be recognized when they become available and measurable or when they are earned, and expenditures or expenses to be recognized when the related liabilities are incurred.

As a result of the use of this regulatory basis of accounting, certain assets (such as accounts receivable and capital assets), certain revenues (such as revenue for billed or provided services not yet collected), certain liabilities (such as accounts payable, certificates of participation bonds and obligations under capital leases) and certain expenditures (such as expenditures for goods or services received but not yet paid) are not recorded in these financial statements.

If the County utilized the basis of accounting recognized as generally accepted, the fund financial statements for governmental funds would use the modified accrual basis of accounting, while the fund financial statements for proprietary fund types, if applicable, would use the accrual basis of accounting. All government-wide financials would be presented on the accrual basis of accounting.

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I. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

D. Budget and Budgetary Accounting

The County follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

1. In accordance with Chapter 50 RSMo, the County adopts a budget for each governmental fund.
2. On or before January 15th, each elected officer and department director will transmit to the County Clerk, who serves as budget officer, the budget request and revenue estimates for their office or department for the budget year.
3. The County Clerk submits to the County Commission a proposed budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1. The proposed budget included estimated revenues and proposed expenditures for all budgeted funds. Budgeted expenditures cannot exceed beginning available monies plus estimated revenues for the year. Budgeting of appropriations is based upon an estimated unencumbered fund balance at the beginning of the year as well as estimated revenues to be received. The budget to actual comparisons in these financial statements, however, do not present encumbered fund balances, but only compare budgeted and actual revenues and expenditures.
4. A public hearing is conducted to obtain public comment. Prior to its approval by the County Commission, the budget document is available for public inspection.
5. Prior to February 1, the budget is legally enacted by a vote of the County Commission.
6. Subsequent to its formal approval of the budget, the County Commission has the authority to make necessary adjustments to the budget by formal vote of the Commission. Adjustments made during the year are reflected in the budget information in the financial statements.

Budgeted amounts are as originally adopted, or as amended by the County Commission throughout the year. Individual amendments were not material in relation to the original appropriations which were adopted.

7. Budgets are prepared and adopted on the cash basis of accounting.

State law requires that budgeted expenditures not exceed budgeted revenues plus anticipated beginning fund balance. Section 50.740 RSMo prohibits expenditures in excess of the approved budgets.

E. Property Taxes

Property taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property as of January 1. Taxes are levied on October 1 and tax bills are mailed to taxpayers in November, at which time they are payable. All unpaid property taxes become delinquent as of January 1, of the following year.

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I. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (concluded)

E. Property Taxes (concluded)

The assessed valuation of the tangible taxable property, included within the County's boundaries for the calendar years 2017 and 2016, for purposes of taxation, was:

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Real Estate	\$ 157,977,730	\$ 155,400,590
Personal Property	51,379,989	50,415,064
Railroad and Utilities	<u>26,506,445</u>	<u>26,983,160</u>
	<u>\$ 235,864,164</u>	<u>\$ 232,798,814</u>

During 2017 and 2016, the County Commission approved a \$0.4219 and \$0.4278 tax levy, respectively, per \$100 of assessed valuation of tangible taxable property, for purposes of County taxation, as follows:

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
General Revenue Fund	\$ 0.1556	\$ 0.1615
Special Road and Bridge Fund	<u>0.2663</u>	<u>0.2663</u>
	<u>\$ 0.4219</u>	<u>\$ 0.4278</u>

F. Cash Deposits and Investments

Deposits and investments are stated at cost, which approximates market. Cash balances for all the County Treasurer Funds are pooled and invested to the extent possible. Interest earned from such investments is allocated to each of the funds based on the funds' average daily cash balance. Cash equivalents include repurchase agreements and any other instruments with an original maturity of ninety days or less. State law authorizes the deposit of funds in banks and trust companies or the investment of funds in bonds or treasury certificates of the United States, other interest bearing obligations guaranteed as to both principal and interest by the United States, bonds of the State of Missouri or other government bonds, or time certificates of deposit, provided, however, that no such investment shall be purchased at a price in excess of par. Funds in the form of cash on deposit or time certificates of deposit are required to be insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) or collateralized by authorized investments held in the County's name at third-party banking institutions. Details of these cash balances are presented in Note II.

G. Interfund Transactions

During the course of operations, numerous transactions occur between individual funds for goods provided or services rendered. These receivables and payables, if applicable, are eliminated due to reporting the financial statements on the regulatory basis of accounting. Legally required transfers are reported as "transfers in" by the recipient fund and as "transfers out" by the disbursing fund.

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II. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

The County maintains a cash and temporary investment pool that is available for use by all funds. Deposits with maturities greater than three months are considered investments. Each fund type's portion of this pool is displayed as "Cash" under each fund's caption. Deposits with maturities greater than three months are considered investments. In addition, cash is separately held by several of the County's funds.

Deposits - Missouri statutes require that all deposits with financial institutions be collateralized in an amount at least equal to uninsured deposits. At December 31, 2017, and 2016, the carrying amount of the County's deposits and investments was \$2,087,559.46 and \$2,155,175.37, and the bank balance was \$10,605,598.46 and \$9,697,521.32, respectively. The total bank balance as of December 31, 2017, and December 31, 2016, was insured through the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and securities set by the County's financial institutions.

SUMMARY OF CARRYING VALUES

The carrying values of deposits shown above are included in the financial statements at December 31, 2017, as follows:

<u>Statements of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Cash Balances</u>	
Deposits and cash equivalents	\$ 2,087,559.46
Total Governmental Funds	<u>2,087,559.46</u>
<u>Statement of Assets and Liabilities Arising from Cash Transactions –</u>	
<u>Agency Funds:</u>	
Deposits	<u>101,799.96</u>
Total Agency Funds	<u>101,799.96</u>
Total Deposits as of December 31, 2017	<u>\$ 2,189,359.42</u>

The carrying values of deposits shown above are included in the financial statements at December 31, 2016, as follows:

<u>Statements of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Cash Balances</u>	
Deposits and cash equivalents	\$ 2,155,175.37
Total Governmental Funds	<u>2,155,175.37</u>
<u>Statement of Assets and Liabilities Arising from Cash Transactions –</u>	
<u>Agency Funds:</u>	
Deposits	<u>57,269.06</u>
Total Agency Funds	<u>57,269.06</u>
Total Deposits as of December 31, 2016	<u>\$ 2,212,444.43</u>

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II. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (concluded)

Custodial Credit Risk – Deposits

For a deposit, custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the government's deposits may not be returned to it. The County's investment policy does not include custodial credit risk requirements. The County's deposits were not exposed to custodial credit risk for the years ended December 31, 2017, and 2016.

Custodial Credit Risk – Investments

Investment securities are exposed to custodial credit risk if the securities are uninsured, are not registered in the name of the government, and are held by the party who sold the security to the County or its agent but not in the government's name. The County does not have a policy for custodial credit risk relating to investments.

Investment Interest Rate Risk

Investment interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. The County does not have a formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

Concentration of Investment Credit Risk

Concentration of investment credit risk is required to be disclosed by the County for any single investment that represents 5% or more of total investments (excluding investments issued by or explicitly guaranteed by the U.S. Government, investments in mutual funds, investments in external investment pools and investments in other pooled investments). The County has no policy in place to minimize the risk of loss resulting from over concentration of assets in specific maturity, specific issuer or specific class of securities. The County's deposits were not exposed to concentration of investment credit risk for the years ended December 31, 2017, and 2016.

III. LONG-TERM DEBT

Capital Leases

On May 17, 2016, the County entered into a lease purchase agreement with Ally Auto Commercial Services Group to finance the purchase of three Dodge Durangos. The total cost was \$86,934 with 12 consecutive quarterly payments of \$7,866.74 and an interest rate of 6.14%. The maturity date is February 17, 2019. These payments are made out of the General Revenue Fund.

On May 16, 2013, the County entered into a lease purchase agreement with Ford Motor Credit for one 2013 Ford Police Interceptor Utility and one 2013 Ford Escape. The total cost was \$50,893 with 12 consecutive quarterly payments of \$4,644.10 and an interest rate of 5.70%. The maturity date is May 16, 2016. These payments are made out of the Sheriff's Law Enforcement Civil Fee Fund.

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III. LONG-TERM DEBT (continued)

Capital Leases (concluded)

On September 22, 2014, the County entered into a lease purchase agreement with Ally Bank for four 2014 Dodge Durango vehicles. The total cost was \$109,930 with 36 consecutive monthly payments of \$3,267.14 and an interest rate of 4.44%. Additional principal was added due to the County delaying the first interest payments of \$976. The maturity date is November 22, 2017. The initial payment was made out of the Sheriff's Law Enforcement Civil Fee Fund, and the future payments will be made out of the General Revenue Fund.

As of December 31, 2017, the payment for the capital leases of the County is as follows:

Capital Leases	Balance 12/31/16	Additions	Payments	Balance 12/31/17	Interest Paid
4 Dodge Durango Vehicles	\$ 36,023.08	\$ -	\$36,023.08	\$ -	\$ 821.30
3 Dodge Durango Vehicles	65,659.02		28,073.70	37,585.32	3,393.26
	<u>\$101,682.10</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$64,096.78</u>	<u>\$37,585.32</u>	<u>\$ 4,214.56</u>

The future payment for the capital leases as of December 31, 2017, are as follows:

Year Ending December 31,	Interest	Principal	Total
2018	\$ 1,629.45	\$29,837.51	\$ 31,466.96
2019	118.93	7,747.81	7,866.74
	<u>\$ 1,748.38</u>	<u>\$37,585.32</u>	<u>\$ 39,333.70</u>

As of December 31, 2016, the payment for the capital leases of the County is as follows:

Capital Leases	Balance 12/31/15	Additions	Payments	Balance 12/31/16	Interest Paid
1-2013 Ford Police Interceptor & 1-2013 Escape	\$ 9,093.36	\$ -	\$ 9,093.36	\$ -	\$ 194.83
4 Dodge Durango Vehicles	72,740.30	-	36,717.22	36,023.08	1,485.24
3 Dodge Durango Vehicles	-	86,934.00	21,274.98	65,659.02	2,325.24
	<u>\$81,833.66</u>	<u>\$ 86,934.00</u>	<u>\$67,085.56</u>	<u>\$101,682.10</u>	<u>\$ 4,005.31</u>

The future payment for the capital leases as of December 31, 2016, are as follows:

Year Ending December 31,	Interest	Principal	Total
2017	\$ 4,214.56	\$ 64,096.78	\$ 68,311.34
2018	1,629.45	29,837.51	31,466.96
2019	118.93	7,747.81	7,866.74
	<u>\$ 5,962.94</u>	<u>\$101,682.10</u>	<u>\$ 107,645.04</u>

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III. LONG-TERM DEBT (continued)

On November 14, 2012, the County entered into a promissory note with Missouri Department of Natural Resources in the amount of \$17,298.27 with 0% interest and a maturity date of August 1, 2020. The funds are to be used to implement Energy Conservation Measures. These payments are made out of the General Revenue Fund.

The change in long-term debt obligations for the year ended December 31, 2017, is as follows:

Promissory Note	Balance 12/31/16	Additions	Payments	Balance 12/31/17	Interest Paid
MO DNR Loan	\$ 8,210.27	\$ -	\$ 2,272.00	\$ 5,938.27	\$ -
	<u>\$ 8,210.27</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,272.00</u>	<u>\$ 5,938.27</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

As of December 31, 2017, the schedule of future payments for the promissory note of the County is as follows:

Year Ending December 31,	Interest	Principal	Total
2018	\$ -	\$ 2,272.00	\$ 2,272.00
2019	-	2,272.00	2,272.00
2020	-	1,394.27	1,394.27
	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 5,938.27</u>	<u>\$ 5,938.27</u>

The change in long-term debt obligations for the year ended December 31, 2016, is as follows:

Promissory Note	Balance 12/31/15	Additions	Payments	Balance 12/31/16	Interest Paid
MO DNR Loan	\$ 10,482.27	\$ -	\$ 2,272.00	\$ 8,210.27	\$ -
	<u>\$ 10,482.27</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,272.00</u>	<u>\$ 8,210.27</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

As of December 31, 2016, the schedule of future payments for the promissory note of the County is as follows:

Year Ending December 31,	Interest	Principal	Total
2017	\$ -	\$ 2,272.00	\$ 2,272.00
2018	-	2,272.00	2,272.00
2019	-	2,272.00	2,272.00
2020	-	1,394.27	1,394.27
	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 8,210.27</u>	<u>\$ 8,210.27</u>

Line of Credit

On September 14, 2017, the County entered into a line of credit with Peoples Savings Bank of Rhineland in the amount of \$488,000.00, with a 2% interest rate and a maturity of February 1, 2018. The funds are to be used to replace the roof on the County Courthouse. These payments are made out of the General Revenue Fund.

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III. LONG-TERM DEBT (concluded)

Line of Credit (concluded)

The change in long-term debt obligations for the year ended December 31, 2017, is as follows:

Promissory Note	Balance 12/31/16	Additions	Payments	Balance 12/31/17	Interest Paid
Line of Credit	\$ -	\$488,000.00	\$ -	\$488,000.00	\$ -
	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$488,000.00</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$488,000.00</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

As of December 31, 2017, the schedule of future payments for the line of credit of the County is as follows:

Year Ending December 31,	Interest	Principal	Total
2018	\$ 1,907.53	\$488,000.00	\$ 489,907.53
	<u>\$ 1,907.53</u>	<u>\$488,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 489,907.53</u>

IV. INTERFUND TRANSFERS

Transfers between funds for the years ended December 31, 2017, and 2016 are as follows:

	2017		2016	
	TRANSFERS IN	TRANSFERS OUT	TRANSFERS IN	TRANSFERS OUT
General Revenue Fund	\$ 106,268.50	\$ -	\$ 99,003.71	\$ -
Special Road and Bridge Fund	-	100,713.03		95,063.89
Union Electric SOP Fund	-	5,555.47		3,939.82
TOTAL	<u>\$ 106,268.50</u>	<u>\$ 106,268.50</u>	<u>\$ 99,003.71</u>	<u>\$ 99,003.71</u>

Transfers are used to (1) move receipts from the fund that statute or budget requires to collect them to the fund that statute or budget requires to disburse them, and (2) use unrestricted receipts in the General Revenue Fund to finance various programs accounted for in other funds in accordance with budgetary authorizations.

V. COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT FUND (CERF)

A. Plan Description

CERF was established by an act of the Missouri General Assembly effective August 28, 1994. Laws governing the retirement fund are found in Sections 50.1000-50.1300 of the Missouri Revised Statutes (RSMo). The Board of Directors consists of eleven members, nine of whom are county employee participants. Two members, who have no beneficiary interest in CERF, are appointed by the Governor of Missouri. The Board of Directors has the authority to adopt rules and regulations for administering the system.

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V. COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT FUND (CERF) (concluded)

A. Plan Description (concluded)

CERF is a mandatory cost-sharing multiple employer retirement system for each county in the state of Missouri, except any city not within a county (which excludes the City of St. Louis) and counties of the first classification with a charter form of government. CERF covers county elective or appointive officers or employees whose position requires the actual performance of duties not less than 1,000 hours per year; including employees of circuit courts located in a first class, non-charter county which is not participating in the Local Government Employees Retirement System (LAGERS); and does not cover circuit clerks, deputy circuit clerks, county prosecuting attorneys, and county sheriffs.

Until January 1, 2000, employees hired before January 1, 2000, could opt out of the system. CERF is a defined benefit plan providing retirement and death benefits to its members. All benefits vest after 8 years of creditable service. Employees who retire on or after age 62 are entitled to an allowance for life based on the form of payment selected. The normal form of payment is a single life annuity. Optional joint and survivor annuity and 10-year certain and life annuity payments are also offered to members in order to provide benefits to a named survivor annuitant after their death. Employees who have a minimum of 8 years of creditable service may retire with an early retirement benefit and receive a reduced allowance after attaining age 55. Annual cost-of-living adjustments, not to exceed 1%, are provided for eligible retirees and survivor annuitants, up to a lifetime maximum of 50% of the initial benefit which the member received upon retirement. Benefit provisions are fixed by state statute and may be amended only by action of the Missouri Legislature. Administrative expenses for the operation of CERF are paid out of the funds of the system.

The County Employees' Retirement Fund issues audited financial statements. Copies of these statements may be obtained from the Board of Directors of CERF by writing to CERF, 2121 Schotthill Woods Drive, Jefferson City, MO 65101, or by calling 1-573-632-9203.

B. Contributions

Prior to January 1, 2003, participating county employees, except for those who participated in LAGERS, were required to make contributions equal to 2% of gross compensation. Effective January 1, 2003, participating county employees hired on or after February 25, 2002, are required to have contributions of 4% made by the County if they are in a LAGERS county and contributions of 6% if they are in a non-LAGERS county. If an employee leaves covered employment before attaining 8 years of creditable service, accumulated employee contributions are refunded to the employee. The contribution rate is set by state statute and may be amended only by action of the Missouri Legislature. During 2017 and 2016, the County collected and remitted to CERF, employee contributions of \$32,535.08 and \$30,039.46, respectively, for the years then ended.

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VI. LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (LAGERS)

Plan Description

The Gasconade County's defined benefit pension plan provides certain retirement, disability and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Gasconade County participates in the Missouri Local Government Employees Retirement System (LAGERS). LAGERS is an agent multiple-employer, statewide public employee pension plan established in 1967 and administered in accordance with RSMo. 70.600-70.755. As such, it is LAGERS responsibility to administer the law in accordance with the expressed intent of the General Assembly. The plan is qualified under the Internal Revenue Code Section 401(a) and is tax exempt. The responsibility for the operations and administration of LAGERS is vested in the LAGERS Board of Trustees consisting of seven persons. LAGERS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. This report may be obtained by accessing the LAGERS website at www.molagers.org.

Benefits Provided

LAGERS provides retirement, death and disability benefits to employees of participating political subdivisions. All benefits vest after 5 years of credited service. Employees who retire on or after age 60 (55 for police and fire) with 5 or more years of service are entitled to an allowance for life based upon the benefit program then in effect for their political subdivision. Employees may retire with an early retirement benefit with a minimum of 5 years of credited service and after attaining age 55 (50 for police and fire) and receive a reduced allowance. The LAGERS Board of Trustees establishes the benefit plans and provisions that are available for adoption. The political subdivision's governing body adopts all benefits of the plan.

	<u>2017 Valuation</u>
Benefit Multiplier:	1.50%
Final Average Salary:	5 Years
Member Contributions:	0%

Benefit terms provide for annual post retirement adjustments to each member's retirement allowance subsequent to the member's retirement date. The annual adjustment is based on the increase in the Consumer Price Index and is limited to 4% per year.

Employees Covered By Benefit Terms

At June 30, 2017, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

	<u>General</u>	<u>Police</u>
Inactive employees or beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	32	13
Inactive employees entitled to but not yet receiving benefits	12	22
Active employees	32	8
	<u>76</u>	<u>43</u>

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Contributions

The employer is required to contribute amounts at least equal to the actuarially determined rate, as established by LAGERS. The actuarially determined rate is the estimated amount necessary to finance the cost of benefits earned by employees during the year, with an additional amount to finance an unfunded accrued liability. Full-time employees of Gasconade County do not contribute to the pension plan. Employer contribution rates are 4.8% (General) and 3.2% (Police) of annual covered payroll.

Net Pension Liability

The employer's net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2017, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of February 28, 2017.

Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability in the February 28, 2017, actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	3.25%
Salary Increase	3.25% to 6.55% including inflation
Investment rate of return	7.25%

Mortality rates were based on the RP-2014 Healthy Annuitant mortality tables, for males and females.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a model method in which the best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of investment expenses and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. The target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Equity	43.00%	5.29%
Fixed Income	26.00%	2.23%
Real Assets	21.00%	3.31%
Strategic Assets	10.00%	5.73%

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Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability is 7.25%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumes that employer and employee contributions will be made at the rates agreed upon for employees and the actuarially determined rates for employers. Based on these assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to pay all projected future benefit payments of current active and inactive employees. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payment to determine the total pension liability.

Changes in the Net Pension Liability

Schedule of Changes in Net Pension Liability and Related Ratios

	General Division	Police Division
A. Total Pension Liability		
1 Service Cost	\$ 84,946	\$ 23,222
2 Interest on Total Pension Liability	377,922	64,647
3 Changes of Benefit Terms	-	-
4 Difference between expected and actual experience of the Total Pension Liability	11,142	(15,950)
5 Changes of Assumptions	-	-
6 Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	(188,818)	(59,297)
7 Net change in total pension liability	285,192	12,622
8 Total pension liability - beginning	5,263,745	909,404
9 Total pension liability - ending	<u>\$ 5,548,937</u>	<u>\$ 922,026</u>
B. Plan Fiduciary Net Position		
1 Contributions - employer	\$ 46,111	\$ 18,307
2 Contributions - employee	-	-
3 Net investment income	668,771	141,914
4 Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	(188,818)	(59,297)
5 Pension plan administrative expense	(5,983)	(2,444)
6 Other (net transfer)	20,927	4,598
7 Net change in plan fiduciary net position	541,008	103,078
8 Plan fiduciary net position - beginning	5,627,971	1,061,491
9 Plan fiduciary net position - ending	<u>\$ 6,168,979</u>	<u>\$ 1,164,569</u>
C. Net Pension Liability / (Asset)	<u>\$ (620,042)</u>	<u>\$ (242,543)</u>
D. Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	111.17%	126.31%
E. Covered-Employee Payroll	\$ 1,065,224	\$ 245,116
F. Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of Covered Employee Payroll	-58.21%	-98.95%

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VI. LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (LAGERS) (continued)

Sensitivity of the Net Position Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the Net Pension Liability of the employer, calculated using the discount rate of 7.25%, as well as what the employer's Net Pension Liability would be using a discount rate that is 1% lower (6.25%) or 1% higher (8.25%) than the current rate.

Sensitivity of Net Pension Liability to the Single Discount Rate

	1% Decrease 6.25%	Current Single Discount Rate Assumption 7.25%	1% Increase 8.25%
General Division:			
Total Pension Liability (TPL)	\$ 6,339,462	\$ 5,548,937	\$ 4,892,296
Plan Fiduciary Net Position	6,168,979	6,168,979	6,168,979
Net Pension Liability / (Asset) (NPL)	\$ 170,483	\$ (620,042)	\$ (1,276,683)
Police Division:			
Total Pension Liability (TPL)	\$ 1,094,695	\$ 922,026	\$ 787,469
Plan Fiduciary Net Position	1,164,569	1,164,569	1,164,569
Net Pension Liability / (Asset) (NPL)	\$ (69,874)	\$ (242,543)	\$ (377,100)

Pension Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

For the year ended June 30, 2017, the employer recognized pension expense of \$184,700 for general and \$(1,304) for police. The employer reported deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	General		Police	
	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Difference between expected and actual experience	\$ 6,305	\$ (19,419)	\$ -	\$ (32,090)
Changes in assumptions	60,184	-	7,007	-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	146,243	(53,059)	26,907	(13,268)
Employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date	-	-	-	-
Total	<u>\$ 212,732</u>	<u>\$ (72,478)</u>	<u>\$ 33,914</u>	<u>\$ (45,358)</u>

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*The amount reported as deferred outflows of resources resulting from contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction in the Net Pension Liability for the year ending June 30, 2017.

Amounts reported as deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year Ending June 30,	Net Deferred Outflows of Resources - General	Net Deferred Outflows of Resources - Police
2018	\$ 141,915	\$ (7,976)
2019	134,750	1,470
2020	35,190	2,549
2021	(53,057)	(13,267)
2022	-	-
Thereafter	-	-
Total	\$ 258,798	\$ (17,224)

VII. PROSECUTING ATTORNEY RETIREMENT FUND

In accordance with state statute Section 56.807 RSMo, the County contributes monthly to the Missouri Office of Prosecution Services for deposit to the credit of the Missouri Prosecuting Attorneys and Circuit Attorney Retirement System Fund. Once remitted, the State of Missouri is responsible for administration of this plan. The County has contributed \$3,366 and \$2,618, respectively, for the years ended December 31, 2017, and 2016.

VIII. POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

The County does not provide post-employment benefits except as mandated by the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA). The requirements established by COBRA are fully funded by employees who elect coverage under the Act, and no direct costs are incurred by the County. There were two participants at December 31, 2017, contributing a total of \$1,567.44 in fees and no participants at December 31, 2016.

IX. CLAIMS COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

A. Litigation

The County was involved in pending litigation as of the audit report date. The County's attorneys are vigorously defending the County in these matters. County management believes that such litigation and claims will ultimately be resolved without material financial liability, if any, to the County.

B. Compensated Absences (Vacation and Sick Time)

The County provides employees with up to four weeks of paid vacation based upon the number of years of continuous service. This ranges from getting two weeks after the first year of service. Upon termination from county employment, an employee is reimbursed for unused vacation and overtime, if applicable. All regular full-time employees, working 30

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IX. CLAIMS COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (concluded)

B. Compensated Absences (Vacation and Sick Time) (concluded)

hours a week or more, in the County earn four hours of sick leave for each calendar month of employment. Sick leave for new and terminated full time employees is prorated based on when the employee starts or terminates employment during the month. The employee receives one hour of sick leave for each week worked the first and last month of employment. Upon termination from county employment, an employee is reimbursed for unused sick leave, if applicable.

C. Federal and State Assisted Programs

The County has received proceeds from several federal and state grants. Periodic audits of these grants are required and certain costs may be questioned as inappropriate expenditures under the grant agreements. Such audits could result in the refund of grant monies to the grantor agencies. Management believes that any required refunds, if determined necessary, will be immaterial. No provision has been made in the accompanying financial statements for the potential refund of grant monies.

X. RISK MANAGEMENT

The County is exposed to various risks of losses related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters, and has established a risk management strategy that attempts to minimize losses and the carrying costs of insurance. There have been no significant reductions in coverage from the prior year and settlements have not exceeded coverage in the past three years.

The County is a member participant in a public entity risk pool which is a corporate and political body created pursuant to state statute (Section 537.700 RSMo.). The purpose of the risk pool is to provide liability protection to participating public entities, their officials, and employees. Annual contributions are collected based on actuarial projections to produce sufficient funds to pay losses and expenses. Should contributions not produce sufficient funds to meet its obligations, the risk pool is empowered with the ability to make special assessments. Members are jointly and severally liable for all claims against the risk pool.

The County is also a member of the Missouri Association of Counties Self-Insured Workers' Compensation and Insurance Fund. The County purchases workers' compensation insurance through this Fund, a non-profit corporation established for the purpose of providing insurance coverage for Missouri counties. The Fund is self-insured up to \$2,000,000 per occurrence and is reinsured up to the statutory limit through excess insurance.

XI. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Subsequent to the year end, the County made one payment on February 1, 2018, on its line of credit with Peoples Savings Bank of Rhineland in the amount of \$26,144.87, of which \$24,237.34 was applied to principal and \$1,907.53 was applied to interest. On February 5, 2018, the line of credit was renewed in the amount of \$463,600 with a 2% interest rate and a maturity of February 1, 2019.

**SUPPLEMENTARY SCHEDULES
AND
AUDITOR'S REPORT**

STATE COMPLIANCE SECTION

THE COUNTY OF GASCONADE
HERMANN, MISSOURI
SCHEDULE OF STATE FINDINGS
DECEMBER 31, 2017 AND 2016

SCHEDULE OF STATE FINDINGS

There were no state findings noted for the year ended December 31, 2017, and 2016.

INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE SECTION



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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*

Independent Auditor's Report

To the County Commission
The County of Gasconade, Missouri

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the County of Gasconade ("County"), Missouri which comprise cash and unencumbered cash for each fund as of December 31, 2017, and 2016, and the related statements of cash receipts and disbursements and changes in cash balances-budget and actual for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated June 14, 2018.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the County's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control.

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section 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 have not been identified. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. We did identify certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses that we consider to be significant deficiencies. (2017-001, 2017-002, 2017-003 and 2014-004)

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the County's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

The County's Responses to Findings

The County's responses to the findings identified in our audit are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses. The County's responses were not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Daniel Jones & Associates

DANIEL JONES & ASSOCIATES, P.C.
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS
ARNOLD, MISSOURI

June 14, 2018

THE COUNTY OF GASCONADE
HERMANN, MISSOURI
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES
YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017 AND 2016

II. FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

2017-001 Criteria: Statement on Auditing Standards (SAS) No. 115, *Communicating Internal Control Related Matters Identified in an Audit*, which is effective for periods ending on or after December 15, 2009, as amended by SAS No. 122, *Statements on Auditing Standards: Clarification and Recodification*, considers inadequate documentation of the components of internal control to be at least a significant deficiency.

Condition: Documentation of the County's internal controls has not been prepared.

Context: During discussions with management, we noted that internal control documentation has not been prepared.

Effect: SAS 122 considers inadequate documentation of the components of internal control to be at least a significant deficiency. Without documented internal controls, the County may not be able to ensure that controls are in place, communicated and operating effectively.

Cause: The County did not prepare the required documentation.

Recommendation: We recommend that the County develop the required internal control documentation. In addition, we recommend studying the COSO internal control guidance and tools as a means to begin the process. Once this documentation is complete, those charged with governance have a responsibility to understand the controls and ensure they are operating effectively.

Views of responsible officials and planned corrective actions: The County Clerk's Office (Lesa Lietzow) will consider preparing the needed documentation to document their internal control structure and risk assessment in conformity with the COSO framework under the guidance given by the County Commission. The County Clerk's office phone number is (573) 486-5427.

2017-002 Criteria: Antifraud programs and controls are the policies and procedures put in place by an organization to help ensure that management directives are carried out. They are part of the overall system of internal control established to achieve reliability of financial reporting, effectiveness and efficiency of operations, and compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

Condition: During our audit, we noted there is no formal fraud risk assessment in place.

Context: During discussions with management, we noted there were no formal fraud risk assessments implemented.

Effect: Lack of an appropriate risk assessment process may result in certain risks not being identified by County's management. Opportunities to commit and conceal a fraud or irregularity may go undetected by management without proper assessment procedures.

THE COUNTY OF GASCONADE
HERMANN, MISSOURI
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES
YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017 AND 2016

II. FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS (continued)

2017-002 Cause: Management has not prepared documentation of risk assessments, including identified risks and mitigating controls.

Recommendation: We recommend that the County address various risks in the environment, including risk of fraud occurring by performing assessments to identify, analyze and manage these risks.

Views of responsible officials and planned corrective actions: The County Clerk's Office (Lesa Lietzow) will consider preparing the needed documentation to document their internal control structure and risk assessment in conformity with the COSO framework under the guidance given by the County Commission. The County Clerk's office phone number is (573) 486-5427.

2017-003 Criteria: SAS No. 55, *Consideration of Internal Control in a Financial Statement Audit*, as amended by SAS No. 78, *Consideration of Internal Control in a Financial Statement Audit*: An Amendment to SAS No. 55.

Condition: Lack of sufficient segregation of duties within the offices of the Collector and Treasurer.

Context: During the engagement, we noted that an individual is allowed to receive, record, deposit, as well as write, approve, sign and reconcile expenditures and receipts to the bank statement.

Effect: The design of the internal control over financial reporting could adversely affect the ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements.

Cause: Size and budget constraints limiting the number of personnel within each of the corresponding departments.

Recommendation: These areas should be reviewed periodically and consideration should be given to improving the segregation of duties.

Views of responsible officials and planned corrective actions: The Collector's and Treasurer's offices will continue to be monitored and additional personnel will be added when possible. The Collector and Treasurer's offices undergo regularly scheduled audits through state and private firms, along with crosschecks and monitoring monthly and yearly with County Clerk's Office. The County Collector is Shawn Schlottach and her office phone number is (573) 486-2711, and the County Treasurer Mike Feagan and his office phone number is (573) 486-2411.

THE COUNTY OF GASCONADE
HERMANN, MISSOURI
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES
YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017 AND 2016

II. FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS (concluded)

2017-004 Criteria: Antifraud programs and controls are the policies and procedures put in place by an organization to help ensure that management directives are carried out. They are part of the overall system of internal control established to achieve reliability of financial reporting, effectiveness and efficiency of operations, and compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

Condition: During our audit we noted that the previous Sheriff had held a secret bank account that had not been brought to the attention of the Commissioners, Clerk, or Treasurer of the County. This bank account allegedly had state funds and other funds run through it and that when the previous Sheriff left office the bank account was allegedly closed out without the money being turned over to the County.

Context: During discussions with management, we noted there was a secret bank account that was not monitored by the Commission, Clerk or Treasurer's office. This was a practice of the previous Sheriff and the current Sheriff reported his findings to the FBI and has subsequently turned items over to the State Auditor's office.

Effect: Lack of internal control systems over this account could result in fraudulent purchases and bank overdrafts.

Cause: Previous management had not implemented an internal control system over this secret bank account and failed to include the funds amongst the records of the County.

Recommendation: We recommend that the County and the current Sheriff place internal controls over the purchases the Sheriff's office makes through any of the accounts.

Views of responsible officials and planned corrective actions: The current Sheriff's (John Romanus) office has never had control over this account and has turned over all of his findings along with findings from the FBI to the State Auditor's office. The phone number for the current Sheriff's office is 573-486-3693.

THE COUNTY OF GASCONADE
HERMANN, MISSOURI
SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS AND RESPONSES
YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017 AND 2016

I. PRIOR YEAR FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

There was no audit performed for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2015, therefore we have no prior year audit findings to report.



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CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

June 14, 2018

To the County Commissioners
The County of Gasconade, Missouri

In planning and performing our audit of the regulatory based financial statements of the County of Gasconade (the "County") as of and for the years ended December 31, 2017, and 2016, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered the County's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control.

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A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. We did not identify any deficiencies in County's internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses.

A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance. We consider the following deficiencies in the County's internal control to be significant deficiencies as noted in section I.

Our comments concerning internal control and other significant matters are presented as follows:

- I. Deficiencies Considered to be Significant
- II. Information Required by Professional Standards
- III. Management Comments

The County's management has provided a written response to the findings in this report that were identified in our audit. This response has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

This communication is intended solely for the information and use of the County Commission, County Office Holders, the Missouri State Auditor and federal agencies and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,

Daniel Jones & Associates

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I. DEFICIENCIES CONSIDERED TO BE SIGNIFICANT

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Cause: The County did not prepare the required documentation.

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I. DEFICIENCIES CONSIDERED TO BE SIGNIFICANT (Concluded)

2017-004 Condition: During our audit we noted that the previous Sheriff had held a secret bank account that had not been brought to the attention of the Commissioners, Clerk, or Treasurer of the County. This bank account allegedly had state funds and other funds run through it and that when the previous Sheriff left office the bank account was allegedly closed out without the money being turned over to the County.

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II. INFORMATION REQUIRED BY PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

Our Responsibilities under U.S. Generally Accepted Auditing Standards and Government Auditing Standards

Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our letter to you dated May 24, 2018. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

Significant Audit Findings

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by the County are described in Note I to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during the 2017 and 2016 fiscal years. We noted no transactions entered into by the County during the years for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. Due to the County applying the regulatory basis of accounting, no estimates are made during the preparation of financial statements.

II. INFORMATION REQUIRED BY PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS (Concluded)

The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear.

Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are clearly trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Management has corrected all such misstatements. In addition, none of the misstatements detected as a result of audit procedures and corrected by management were material, either individually or in the aggregate, to each opinion unit's financial statements taken as a whole.

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, a disagreement with management is a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated June 14, 2018.

Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the County's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

Other Audit Findings or Issues

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the County's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

III. MANAGEMENT COMMENTS

We noted during our audit certain matters that were not considered to be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. Several county offices have limited numbers of staff which inherently increases the risk of misstatement. Office holders appear to have mitigating controls in place to lower these risks to an acceptable level but the Commission does need to be aware of these risks and offices need to remain vigilant in deterring the potential for erroneous or fraudulent activity.