

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

VERNON COUNTY, MISSOURI

For the Years Ended
December 31, 2019 and 2018

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CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS
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INTRODUCTORY SECTION

VERNON COUNTY, MISSOURI
List of Elected Officials 2018-2019

County Commission

Presiding Commissioner – Joe Hardin

Commissioner Northern District – Cindy Thompson

Commissioner Southern District – Everett Wolfe

Other Elected Officials

Assessor – Cherie K. Roberts

Circuit Clerk – Carrie Poe

Collector/Treasurer – Brent Banes

County Clerk – Sean M. Buehler

Coroner – David L. Ferry

Prosecuting Attorney – Brandi McInroy

Public Administrator – Tammy Bond

Recorder – Shelly Baldwin

Sheriff – Jason M. Mosher

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the County Commission and
Officeholders of Vernon County, Missouri

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Vernon County, Missouri, which comprise the Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Cash – All Governmental Funds – Regulatory Basis and the Statement of Fiduciary Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Cash – Regulatory Basis as of December 31, 2018 and 2019, and the related Comparative Statements of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Cash – Budget and Actual – Regulatory Basis 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 accounting principles prescribed or permitted by Missouri law, as described in Note 1. 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 the 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 opinion.

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

As described in Note 1, the financial statements are prepared by Vernon County, Missouri 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.

The effects on the financial statements 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 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 Vernon County, Missouri, as of December 31, 2018 and 2019, or the changes in financial position thereof for the years then ended.

Unmodified Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the cash balances of each fund of Vernon County, Missouri, as of December 31, 2018 and 2019, 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 as described in Note 1.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we also have issued our report dated August 6, 2020, on our consideration of Vernon County, Missouri’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 Vernon County, Missouri’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 the County’s internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

McBride, Lock & Associates, LLC

McBride, Lock & Associates, LLC
Kansas City, Missouri
August 6, 2020

VERNON COUNTY, MISSOURI
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN CASH - ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS - REGULATORY BASIS
YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018 AND 2019

Fund	Cash and Cash Equivalents		Receipts		Disbursements		Cash and Cash Equivalents		Receipts		Disbursements		Cash and Cash Equivalents	
	January 1, 2018		2018		2018		2018	December 31, 2018	2019		2019		2019	December 31, 2019
General Revenue	\$ 754,445		\$ 4,729,107		\$ 4,756,705		\$ 726,847		\$ 4,993,326		\$ 4,655,282		\$ 1,065,091	
Special Road & Bridge	656,401		1,417,988		1,355,261		719,128		1,288,966		1,230,555		777,539	
Assessment	18,610		250,558		259,358		9,810		231,026		224,618		16,218	
Quarter % Assessment	7,563		50,308		38,750		19,121		52,538		35,645		36,014	
Sheriff's Discretionary	7,713		16,481		17,553		6,641		15,546		17,891		4,296	
Law Enforcement Training	2,642		3,575		1,543		4,674		3,439		2,386		5,727	
Prosecuting Attorney Training	1,731		638		684		1,685		1,070		568		2,187	
Sewer	-		5,790		5,790		-		5,902		5,902		-	
Election	-		79,562		79,562		-		39,020		39,020		-	
Law Enforcement Sales Tax	111,418		1,048,790		1,059,177		101,031		1,106,052		1,055,050		152,033	
Local Emergency Planning Commission	18,272		3,233		432		21,073		3,330		196		24,207	
Law Enforcement Restitution	35,883		27,457		25,265		38,075		24,127		38,933		23,269	
Election Service	43,808		8,297		39,322		12,783		8,571		5,939		15,415	
Tax Maintenance	11,329		32,328		34,384		9,273		32,762		32,013		10,022	
Help America Vote Act	9,957		9,580		14,957		4,580		7,068		7,031		4,617	
Inmate Security	13,294		75,326		56,656		31,964		76,458		99,004		9,418	
Prosecuting Attorney Administrative Cost	2,822		5,392		5,997		2,217		4,471		5,334		1,354	
Shelter	-		4,540		4,540		-		4,055		4,055		-	
Recycling	8,237		18,701		22,701		4,237		8,499		12,732		4	
Federal Seizure	2,940		12		2,738		214		3,203		3,417		-	
United Way DARE	1,234		3,006		3,099		1,141		3,006		2,816		1,331	
Vernon County DARE	1,316		755		1,160		911		951		1,032		830	
Recorder User Fee	65,162		12,371		9,000		68,533		10,376		42,266		36,643	
Bond Reserve	586		713		1,299		-		-		-		-	
Capital Improvement	456,330		95,000		181,239		370,091		80,000		49,885		400,206	
Sheriff's Revolving (CCW)	15,225		3,506		12,107		6,624		7,652		7,414		6,862	
Katy Allen Lake	35,331		-		22,818		12,513		-		5,832		6,681	
Prosecuting Attorney Tax Collection	175		1		-		176		1		-		177	
Fairground Building	-		312,662		100,000		212,662		64,164		276,826		-	
Total	\$ 2,282,424		\$ 8,215,677		\$ 8,112,097		\$ 2,386,004		\$ 8,075,779		\$ 7,861,642		\$ 2,600,141	

The accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

VERNON COUNTY, MISSOURI
COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN CASH - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - REGULATORY BASIS

	GENERAL REVENUE FUND Year Ended December 31,			
	2018		2019	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
RECEIPTS				
Property taxes	\$ 449,500	\$ 480,485	\$ 448,000	\$ 472,898
Sales taxes	1,050,000	1,046,567	1,050,000	1,104,474
Intergovernmental	820,128	832,252	711,561	918,735
Charges for services	1,590,568	1,794,748	1,592,938	1,912,144
Interest	6,000	6,760	-	7,485
Other	33,410	39,257	32,798	63,312
Transfers in	543,500	529,038	516,278	514,478
Total Receipts	\$ 4,493,106	\$ 4,729,107	\$ 4,351,575	\$ 4,993,526
DISBURSEMENTS				
County Commission	\$ 108,547	\$ 108,571	\$ 107,915	\$ 108,627
County Clerk	165,062	163,028	169,910	169,307
Elections	105,000	42,000	13,300	2,100
Buildings and grounds	262,896	229,805	192,993	182,678
Employee fringe benefits	686,197	602,275	714,150	625,436
Treasurer	136,078	135,737	135,988	135,189
Recorder of Deeds	96,752	95,461	88,035	87,854
Circuit Clerk	39,100	33,049	37,600	29,298
Court administration	26,970	20,420	31,070	23,542
Public Administrator	98,273	95,851	98,031	96,429
Sheriff	914,193	873,300	939,052	921,144
Jail	1,468,762	1,508,809	1,527,588	1,510,450
Prosecuting Attorney	227,752	225,198	230,800	222,142
Juvenile Officer	155,400	126,841	156,300	123,066
Coroner	41,736	39,492	45,506	42,520
Other County government	316,784	285,219	309,661	292,298
Health and welfare	2,000	2,000	7,000	2,000
Transfers out	147,936	169,805	85,027	81,201
Emergency fund	125,745	(156)	121,120	1
Total Disbursements	\$ 5,125,183	\$ 4,756,705	\$ 5,011,046	\$ 4,655,282
RECEIPTS OVER (UNDER) DISBURSEMENTS	\$ (632,077)	\$ (27,598)	\$ (659,471)	\$ 338,244
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, JANUARY 1	754,445	754,445	726,847	726,847
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, DECEMBER 31	\$ 122,368	\$ 726,847	\$ 67,376	\$ 1,065,091

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VERNON COUNTY, MISSOURI
COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN CASH - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - REGULATORY BASIS

	SPECIAL ROAD & BRIDGE FUND				ASSESSMENT FUND			
	2018		2019		2018		2019	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
RECEIPTS								
Property taxes	\$ 130,000	\$ 131,518	\$ 130,000	\$ 132,550	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Sales taxes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Intergovernmental	1,701,254	1,271,203	1,449,945	1,133,987	-	-	-	-
Charges for services	-	-	-	-	221,334	233,181	229,233	230,346
Interest	3,000	4,038	3,000	4,749	200	349	300	417
Other	2,400	5,460	4,400	11,799	70	369	400	263
Transfers in	33,000	5,769	6,475	5,881	29,936	16,659	1,427	-
Total Receipts	\$ 1,869,654	\$ 1,417,988	\$ 1,593,820	\$ 1,288,966	\$ 251,540	\$ 250,558	\$ 231,360	\$ 231,026
DISBURSEMENTS								
Salaries	\$ 290,534	\$ 285,088	\$ 293,433	\$ 239,315	\$ 181,276	\$ 174,943	\$ 159,482	\$ 152,111
Employee fringe benefits	99,315	94,496	96,952	80,107	66,799	61,558	59,413	53,143
Materials and supplies	60,500	62,687	76,440	75,549	17,075	14,894	16,275	15,167
Services and other	138,785	91,782	124,785	51,710	5,000	7,963	6,000	4,197
Capital outlay	167,500	113,838	78,500	74,212	-	-	-	-
Construction	1,260,124	642,832	1,089,685	639,549	-	-	-	-
Transfers out	75,000	64,538	70,000	70,113	-	-	-	-
Total Disbursements	\$ 2,091,758	\$ 1,355,261	\$ 1,829,795	\$ 1,230,555	\$ 270,150	\$ 259,358	\$ 241,170	\$ 224,618
RECEIPTS OVER (UNDER) DISBURSEMENTS	\$ (222,104)	\$ 62,727	\$ (235,975)	\$ 58,411	\$ (18,610)	\$ (8,800)	\$ (9,810)	\$ 6,408
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, JANUARY 1	656,401	656,401	719,128	719,128	18,610	18,610	9,810	9,810
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, DECEMBER 31	\$ 434,297	\$ 719,128	\$ 483,153	\$ 777,539	\$ -	\$ 9,810	\$ -	\$ 16,218

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VERNON COUNTY, MISSOURI

COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN CASH - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - REGULATORY BASIS

	QUARTER % ASSESSMENT FUND				SHERIFF'S DISCRETIONARY FUND			
	Year Ended December 31,		2019		2018		2019	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
RECEIPTS								
Property taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Sales taxes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Charges for services	46,900	50,117	49,400	52,322	14,000	16,340	15,000	15,460
Interest	140	143	140	186	-	48	45	39
Other	-	48	-	30	-	93	-	47
Transfers in	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Receipts	\$ 47,040	\$ 50,308	\$ 49,540	\$ 52,538	\$ 14,000	\$ 16,481	\$ 15,045	\$ 15,546
DISBURSEMENTS								
Salaries	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Employee fringe benefits	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Materials and supplies	-	-	1,600	1,601	-	-	-	-
Services and other	46,803	32,594	66,261	34,044	21,713	17,553	21,686	17,891
Capital outlay	6,800	5,156	800	-	-	-	-	-
Construction	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers out	1,000	1,000	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Disbursements	\$ 54,603	\$ 38,750	\$ 68,661	\$ 35,645	\$ 21,713	\$ 17,553	\$ 21,686	\$ 17,891
RECEIPTS OVER (UNDER) DISBURSEMENTS	\$ (7,563)	\$ 11,558	\$ (19,121)	\$ 16,893	\$ (7,713)	\$ (1,072)	\$ (6,641)	\$ (2,345)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, JANUARY 1	7,563	7,563	19,121	19,121	7,713	7,713	6,641	6,641
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, DECEMBER 31	\$ -	\$ 19,121	\$ -	\$ 36,014	\$ -	\$ 6,641	\$ -	\$ 4,296

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VERNON COUNTY, MISSOURI
COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN CASH - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - REGULATORY BASIS

	LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING FUND			PROSECUTING ATTORNEY TRAINING FUND		
	Year Ended December 31,		2019	Year Ended December 31,		2019
	2018	Actual		Budget	Actual	
RECEIPTS						
Property taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Sales taxes	-	-	-	-	-	-
Intergovernmental	-	1,087	1,000	1,041	-	-
Charges for services	3,000	2,466	2,400	2,123	500	600
Interest	-	22	-	36	-	11
Other	-	-	-	239	-	-
Transfers in	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Receipts	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,575	\$ 3,400	\$ 3,439	\$ 500	\$ 600
						\$ 1,070
DISBURSEMENTS						
Salaries	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Employee fringe benefits	-	-	-	-	-	-
Materials and supplies	-	-	-	-	-	-
Services and other	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital outlay	5,642	1,543	8,074	2,386	2,231	2,285
Construction	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers out	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Disbursements	\$ 5,642	\$ 1,543	\$ 8,074	\$ 2,386	\$ 2,231	\$ 2,285
						\$ 568
RECEIPTS OVER (UNDER) DISBURSEMENTS	\$ (2,642)	\$ 2,032	\$ (4,674)	\$ 1,053	\$ (1,731)	\$ (1,685)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, JANUARY 1	2,642	2,642	4,674	4,674	1,731	1,685
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, DECEMBER 31	\$ -	\$ 4,674	\$ -	\$ 5,727	\$ -	\$ -
						\$ 2,187

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VERNON COUNTY, MISSOURI

COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN CASH - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - REGULATORY BASIS

	SEWER FUND				ELECTION FUND			
	Year Ended December 31,		2019		Year Ended December 31,		2019	
	2018		Budget	Actual	2018		Budget	Actual
RECEIPTS								
Property taxes	\$ 6,000	\$ 5,760	\$ 6,500	\$ 5,870	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Sales taxes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	31,000	20,415	41,574	39,020
Charges for services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest	-	30	-	32	-	-	-	-
Other	23,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers in	-	-	-	-	60,000	59,147	-	-
Total Receipts	\$ 29,000	\$ 5,790	\$ 6,500	\$ 5,902	\$ 91,000	\$ 79,562	\$ 41,574	\$ 39,020
DISBURSEMENTS								
Salaries	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Employee fringe benefits	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Materials and supplies	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Services and other	-	21	25	21	91,000	67,701	41,574	31,189
Capital outlay	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Construction	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers out	29,000	5,769	6,475	5,881	-	11,861	-	7,831
Total Disbursements	\$ 29,000	\$ 5,790	\$ 6,500	\$ 5,902	\$ 91,000	\$ 79,562	\$ 41,574	\$ 39,020
RECEIPTS OVER (UNDER) DISBURSEMENTS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, JANUARY 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, DECEMBER 31	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

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VERNON COUNTY, MISSOURI
COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN CASH - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - REGULATORY BASIS

	LAW ENFORCEMENT SALES TAX FUND			LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMISSION FUND		
	Year Ended December 31,		Actual	Year Ended December 31,		Actual
	2018	Budget		2018	Budget	
RECEIPTS						
Property taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Sales taxes	1,050,000	1,046,031	1,103,505	-	-	-
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	3,863	3,250	3,330
Charges for services	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest	-	2,047	2,547	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers in	-	712	-	-	-	-
Total Receipts	\$ 1,050,000	\$ 1,048,790	\$ 1,106,052	\$ 3,863	\$ 3,250	\$ 3,330
DISBURSEMENTS						
Salaries	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Employee fringe benefits	-	-	-	-	-	-
Materials and supplies	-	-	-	-	-	-
Services and other	649,453	634,177	623,272	7,530	24,323	196
Capital outlay	-	-	-	-	-	-
Construction	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers out	425,000	425,000	431,778	-	-	-
Total Disbursements	\$ 1,074,453	\$ 1,059,177	\$ 1,055,050	\$ 7,530	\$ 24,323	\$ 196
RECEIPTS OVER (UNDER) DISBURSEMENTS	\$ (24,453)	\$ (10,387)	\$ 51,002	\$ (3,667)	\$ (21,073)	\$ 3,134
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, JANUARY 1	111,418	111,418	101,031	18,272	21,073	21,073
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, DECEMBER 31	\$ 86,965	\$ 101,031	\$ 152,033	\$ 14,605	\$ 21,073	\$ 24,207

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VERNON COUNTY, MISSOURI

COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN CASH - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - REGULATORY BASIS

	LAW ENFORCEMENT RESTITUTION FUND				ELECTION SERVICE FUND			
	2018		2019		2018		2019	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
RECEIPTS								
Property taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Sales taxes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	1,700	1,017	1,000	1,847
Charges for services	32,000	27,234	25,000	23,899	-	-	-	-
Interest	-	223	-	228	-	215	-	93
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers in	-	-	-	-	4,550	7,065	6,378	6,631
Total Receipts	\$ 32,000	\$ 27,457	\$ 25,000	\$ 24,127	\$ 6,250	\$ 8,297	\$ 7,378	\$ 8,571
DISBURSEMENTS								
Salaries	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Employee fringe benefits	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Materials and supplies	-	-	-	-	50,058	39,322	20,161	5,939
Services and other	67,883	11,265	63,075	6,633	-	-	-	-
Capital outlay	-	-	-	32,300	-	-	-	-
Construction	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers out	-	14,000	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Disbursements	\$ 67,883	\$ 25,265	\$ 63,075	\$ 38,933	\$ 50,058	\$ 39,322	\$ 20,161	\$ 5,939
RECEIPTS OVER (UNDER) DISBURSEMENTS	\$ (35,883)	\$ 2,192	\$ (38,075)	\$ (14,806)	\$ (43,808)	\$ (31,025)	\$ (12,783)	\$ 2,632
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, JANUARY 1	35,883	35,883	38,075	38,075	43,808	43,808	12,783	12,783
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, DECEMBER 31	\$ -	\$ 38,075	\$ -	\$ 23,269	\$ -	\$ 12,783	\$ -	\$ 15,415

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VERNON COUNTY, MISSOURI
COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN CASH - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - REGULATORY BASIS

	TAX MAINTENANCE FUND			HELP AMERICA VOTE ACT FUND		
	Year Ended December 31,		2019	Year Ended December 31,		2019
	2018	Budget		Actual	Budget	
RECEIPTS						
Property taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Sales taxes	-	-	-	-	-	-
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	4,729	4,729	4,637
Charges for services	28,500	32,189	28,500	32,633	-	-
Interest	180	139	100	129	51	31
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers in	-	-	-	4,800	4,800	1,600
Total Receipts	\$ 28,680	\$ 32,328	\$ 28,600	\$ 32,762	\$ 9,580	\$ 6,237
						\$ 7,068
DISBURSEMENTS						
Salaries	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Employee fringe benefits	-	-	-	-	-	-
Materials and supplies	28,009	22,384	25,873	21,413	-	-
Services and other	-	-	-	-	19,486	14,953
Capital outlay	-	-	-	-	-	-
Construction	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers out	12,000	12,000	12,000	10,600	4	-
Total Disbursements	\$ 40,009	\$ 34,384	\$ 37,873	\$ 32,013	\$ 19,486	\$ 10,817
						\$ 7,031
RECEIPTS OVER (UNDER) DISBURSEMENTS	\$ (11,329)	\$ (2,056)	\$ (9,273)	\$ 749	\$ (9,957)	\$ (4,580)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, JANUARY 1	11,329	11,329	9,273	9,273	9,957	4,580
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, DECEMBER 31	\$ -	\$ 9,273	\$ -	\$ 10,022	\$ 4,580	\$ 4,617

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VERNON COUNTY, MISSOURI
COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN CASH - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - REGULATORY BASIS

	INMATE SECURITY FUND			PROSECUTING ATTORNEY ADMINISTRATIVE COST FUND		
	Year Ended December 31,			Year Ended December 31,		
	2018	2019	2018	2019	Budget	Actual
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
RECEIPTS						
Property taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Sales taxes	-	-	-	-	-	-
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	-	-
Charges for services	4,000	8,875	7,500	4,173	6,000	5,367
Interest	-	96	-	202	-	25
Other	62,000	66,355	60,000	72,083	-	-
Transfers in	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Receipts	\$ 66,000	\$ 75,326	\$ 67,500	\$ 76,458	\$ 6,000	\$ 5,392
					\$ 4,284	\$ 4,471
DISBURSEMENTS						
Salaries	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Employee fringe benefits	-	-	-	-	-	-
Materials and supplies	-	-	-	-	6,500	1,497
Services and other	14,200	16,117	15,200	11,522	-	-
Capital outlay	65,094	40,539	84,264	87,482	-	-
Construction	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers out	-	-	-	-	-	4,500
Total Disbursements	\$ 79,294	\$ 56,656	\$ 99,464	\$ 99,004	\$ 6,500	\$ 5,997
					\$ 6,501	\$ 4,500
					\$ 6,501	\$ 5,334
RECEIPTS OVER (UNDER) DISBURSEMENTS	\$ (13,294)	\$ 18,670	\$ (31,964)	\$ (22,546)	\$ (500)	\$ (605)
					\$ (2,217)	\$ (863)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, JANUARY 1	13,294	13,294	31,964	31,964	2,822	2,822
					2,217	2,217
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, DECEMBER 31	\$ -	\$ 31,964	\$ -	\$ 9,418	\$ 2,322	\$ 2,217
					\$ -	\$ 1,354

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VERNON COUNTY, MISSOURI

COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN CASH - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - REGULATORY BASIS

	SHELTER FUND			RECYCLING FUND		
	Year Ended December 31,		2019	Year Ended December 31,		2019
	2018	Budget		Actual	2018	
RECEIPTS						
Property taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Sales taxes	-	-	-	-	-	-
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	2,250	1,500	2,250
Charges for services	5,250	4,528	6,000	4,044	-	-
Interest	-	12	-	11	26	8
Other	-	-	-	-	17,175	25,000
Transfers in	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Receipts	\$ 5,250	\$ 4,540	\$ 6,000	\$ 4,055	\$ 18,701	\$ 27,000
						\$ 8,499
DISBURSEMENTS						
Salaries	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Employee fringe benefits	-	-	-	-	-	-
Materials and supplies	-	-	-	-	-	-
Services and other	5,250	4,540	6,000	4,055	22,701	12,732
Capital outlay	-	-	-	-	-	-
Construction	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers out	-	-	-	-	-	4,000
Total Disbursements	\$ 5,250	\$ 4,540	\$ 6,000	\$ 4,055	\$ 22,701	\$ 31,237
RECEIPTS OVER (UNDER) DISBURSEMENTS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (4,000)	\$ (4,237)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, JANUARY 1	-	-	-	-	8,237	4,237
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, DECEMBER 31	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,237	\$ 4

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VERNON COUNTY, MISSOURI
COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN CASH - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - REGULATORY BASIS

	FEDERAL SEIZURE FUND			UNITED WAY DARE FUND		
	Year Ended December 31,			Year Ended December 31,		
	2018	2019	2019	2018	2019	2019
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
RECEIPTS						
Property taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Sales taxes	-	-	-	-	-	-
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	-	-
Charges for services	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest	-	12	3	-	6	6
Other	-	-	3,200	3,000	3,000	3,000
Transfers in	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Receipts	\$ -	\$ 12	\$ 3,203	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,006	\$ 3,006
DISBURSEMENTS						
Salaries	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Employee fringe benefits	-	-	-	-	-	-
Materials and supplies	2,440	2,687	3,200	-	-	-
Services and other	500	51	217	4,234	3,099	4,141
Capital outlay	-	-	-	-	-	-
Construction	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers out	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Disbursements	\$ 2,940	\$ 2,738	\$ 3,417	\$ 4,234	\$ 3,099	\$ 4,141
RECEIPTS OVER (UNDER) DISBURSEMENTS	\$ (2,940)	\$ (2,726)	\$ (214)	\$ (1,234)	\$ (93)	\$ (1,141)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, JANUARY 1	2,940	2,940	214	1,234	1,234	1,141
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, DECEMBER 31	\$ -	\$ 214	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,141	\$ 1,331

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COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN CASH - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - REGULATORY BASIS

	VERNON COUNTY DARE FUND			RECORDER USER FEE FUND		
	Year Ended December 31,		2019	Year Ended December 31,		2019
	2018	Budget		Actual	2018	
RECEIPTS						
Property taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Sales taxes	-	-	-	-	-	-
Intergovernmental	-	-	123	-	-	-
Charges for services	-	-	-	10,000	11,971	9,982
Interest	-	5	3	400	400	394
Other	-	750	825	-	-	-
Transfers in	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Receipts	\$ -	\$ 755	\$ 951	\$ 10,400	\$ 12,371	\$ 10,376
DISBURSEMENTS						
Salaries	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Employee fringe benefits	-	-	-	-	-	-
Materials and supplies	-	-	-	-	-	-
Services and other	1,316	1,160	1,032	41,000	-	60,000
Capital outlay	-	-	-	-	-	-
Construction	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers out	-	-	-	9,000	9,000	9,000
Total Disbursements	\$ 1,316	\$ 1,160	\$ 1,032	\$ 50,000	\$ 9,000	\$ 69,000
RECEIPTS OVER (UNDER) DISBURSEMENTS	\$ (1,316)	\$ (405)	\$ (81)	\$ (39,600)	\$ 3,371	\$ (58,600)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, JANUARY 1	1,316	1,316	911	65,162	65,162	68,533
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, DECEMBER 31	\$ -	\$ 911	\$ 830	\$ 25,562	\$ 68,533	\$ 9,933

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VERNON COUNTY, MISSOURI
COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN CASH - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - REGULATORY BASIS

	BOND RESERVE FUND			CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND		
	Year Ended December 31,			Year Ended December 31,		
	2018	2019	2019	2018	2019	2019
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
RECEIPTS						
Property taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Sales taxes	-	-	-	-	-	-
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	-	-
Charges for services	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest	-	1	-	-	-	-
Other	-	712	-	-	-	-
Transfers in	-	-	-	95,000	80,000	80,000
Total Receipts	\$ -	\$ 713	\$ -	\$ 95,000	\$ 80,000	\$ 80,000
DISBURSEMENTS						
Salaries	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Employee fringe benefits	-	-	-	-	-	-
Materials and supplies	-	-	-	-	-	-
Services and other	-	586	-	-	-	-
Capital outlay	-	-	-	551,330	425,091	4,885
Construction	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers out	-	713	-	-	125,000	45,000
Total Disbursements	\$ -	\$ 1,299	\$ -	\$ 551,330	\$ 450,091	\$ 49,885
RECEIPTS OVER (UNDER) DISBURSEMENTS	\$ -	\$ (586)	\$ -	\$ (456,330)	\$ (86,239)	\$ 30,115
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, JANUARY 1	586	586	-	456,330	370,091	370,091
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, DECEMBER 31	\$ 586	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 370,091	\$ 400,206

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VERNON COUNTY, MISSOURI
COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN CASH - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - REGULATORY BASIS

	SHERIFF'S REVOLVING (CCW) FUND				KATY ALLEN LAKE FUND			
	Year Ended December 31,		2019		Year Ended December 31,		2019	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
RECEIPTS								
Property taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Sales taxes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Charges for services	-	3,437	3,500	7,599	-	-	-	-
Interest	-	69	-	53	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers in	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Receipts	\$ -	\$ 3,506	\$ 3,500	\$ 7,652	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
DISBURSEMENTS								
Salaries	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Employee fringe benefits	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Materials and supplies	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Services and other	15,225	12,107	10,124	7,414	-	-	-	-
Capital outlay	-	-	-	-	35,331	22,818	12,513	5,832
Construction	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers out	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Disbursements	\$ 15,225	\$ 12,107	\$ 10,124	\$ 7,414	\$ 35,331	\$ 22,818	\$ 12,513	\$ 5,832
RECEIPTS OVER (UNDER) DISBURSEMENTS	\$ (15,225)	\$ (8,601)	\$ (6,624)	\$ 238	\$ (35,331)	\$ (22,818)	\$ (12,513)	\$ (5,832)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, JANUARY 1	15,225	15,225	6,624	6,624	35,331	35,331	12,513	12,513
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, DECEMBER 31	\$ -	\$ 6,624	\$ -	\$ 6,862	\$ -	\$ 12,513	\$ -	\$ 6,681

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VERNON COUNTY, MISSOURI
COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN CASH - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - REGULATORY BASIS

	PROSECUTING ATTORNEY TAX COLLECTION FUND				FAIRGROUND BUILDING FUND			
	2018		2019		2018		2019	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
RECEIPTS								
Property taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Sales taxes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Charges for services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	300,000	187,662	50,000	7,650
Transfers in	-	-	-	-	-	125,000	25,000	56,514
Total Receipts	\$ -	\$ 1	\$ -	\$ 1	\$ 300,000	\$ 312,662	\$ 75,000	\$ 64,164
DISBURSEMENTS								
Salaries	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Employee fringe benefits	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Materials and supplies	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Services and other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital outlay	-	-	-	-	300,000	100,000	287,662	276,826
Construction	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers out	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Disbursements	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 287,662	\$ 276,826
RECEIPTS OVER (UNDER) DISBURSEMENTS	\$ -	\$ 1	\$ -	\$ 1	\$ -	\$ 212,662	\$ (212,662)	\$ (212,662)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, JANUARY 1	175	175	176	176	-	-	212,662	212,662
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, DECEMBER 31	\$ 175	\$ 176	\$ 176	\$ 177	\$ -	\$ 212,662	\$ -	\$ -

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VERNON COUNTY, MISSOURI
STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN CASH - REGULATORY BASIS
YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018 AND 2019

Fund/Account	Cash and Cash Equivalents		Receipts		Disbursements		Cash and Cash Equivalents		Receipts		Disbursements		Cash and Cash Equivalents	
	January 1, 2018		2018		2018		December 31, 2018		2019		2019		December 31, 2019	
Treasurer Township	\$ 47,883		\$ 1,497,740		\$ 1,497,162		\$ 48,461		\$ 1,463,934		\$ 1,477,043		\$ 35,352	
Treasurer School	272,295		10,696,776		10,687,162		281,909		10,543,754		10,640,295		185,368	
Treasurer School Fine	45,096		75,667		82,400		38,363		96,051		81,458		52,956	
Treasurer Health Unit	7,306		276,929		276,773		7,462		268,021		270,714		4,769	
Treasurer Unclaimed Fees	3,289		474		3,104		659		205		-		864	
Treasurer Overplus	3,192		340		-		3,532		12,826		684		15,674	
Treasurer Ambulance	10,848		415,445		415,206		11,087		402,114		406,024		7,177	
Treasurer Deputy Sheriff Supplemental	750		8,020		8,130		640		12,898		13,078		460	
Treasurer Criminal Cost	26,683		230,473		257,156		-		406,973		383,496		23,477	
Treasurer State Revenue	2,051		84,271		84,114		2,208		81,566		82,357		1,417	
Treasurer City	16,741		1,103,917		1,101,467		19,191		1,061,030		1,073,964		6,257	
Treasurer CERF	-		244,647		244,647		-		259,561		256,235		3,326	
Treasurer Surtax	60,223		451,150		448,279		63,094		419,608		439,314		43,388	
Treasurer Prosecuting Attorney \$5 Fee	40		395		370		65		415		480		-	
Treasurer Circuit Clerk Over/Under	1,004		43		-		1,047		25		-		1,072	
Collector's Account	9,416,797		15,147,645		13,471,228		11,093,214		15,860,264		14,947,828		12,005,650	
Collector's Credit Card Sweep	-		810,156		810,156		-		936,598		936,598		-	
Collector's Clearing	3,824		968		4,592		200		1		201		-	
Collector's In-Out	100		1,151,292		1,150,817		575		682,104		682,679		-	
Recorder	9,828		130,852		131,705		8,975		119,898		117,210		11,663	
Public Administrator	356,136		1,373,977		1,362,989		367,124		1,549,638		1,504,593		412,169	
Prosecuting Attorney	170		9,636		9,726		80		7,779		6,078		1,781	
Sheriff's Account	108,206		1,381,369		1,394,702		94,873		1,581,628		1,558,448		118,053	
Sheriff's CCW	85		4,252		3,427		910		7,029		7,599		340	
Sheriff's Evidence	30,639		14,585		4,720		40,504		1,665		5,928		36,241	
Sheriff's Commissary	24,976		435,243		437,519		22,700		292,867		296,434		19,133	
Total	\$ 10,448,162		\$ 35,546,262		\$ 33,887,551		\$ 12,106,873		\$ 36,068,452		\$ 35,188,738		\$ 12,986,587	

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VERNON COUNTY, MISSOURI
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2018 and 2019

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Vernon County, Missouri (“County”) is governed by a three-member board of commissioners. In addition to the three board members, there are nine elected Constitutional Officers: Assessor, Circuit Clerk, Collector/Treasurer, Coroner, County Clerk, Prosecuting Attorney, Public Administrator, Recorder and Sheriff.

As discussed further in Note 1, these financial statements are presented using accounting practices prescribed or permitted by Missouri Law, which differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, which would include all relevant Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements. The differences include use of a prescribed definition of the reporting entity and the cash basis of accounting.

A. Reporting Entity

The County’s operations include tax assessments and collections, state/county courts, county recorder, public safety, economic development, social and human services, and cultural and recreation services.

The financial statements referred to above include the primary government of Vernon County, Missouri, which consists of all funds, organizations, institutions, agencies, departments, and offices that are considered to comprise the County’s legal entity.

In accordance with the regulatory basis of accounting, the financial statements of the County do not include the activity of the Circuit Court, which is part of the Missouri court system and is considered to be a state function, including the operations of the Circuit Clerk and all funds under their control.

B. Basis of Presentation

Governmental 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 that comprise its assets, liabilities, net assets, revenues/receipts and expenditures/disbursements. The County’s funds are governmental funds. Governmental funds are those through which most governmental functions are financed. The County’s expendable financial resources are accounted for through governmental funds.

Fiduciary Funds – Fiduciary funds consist of custodial funds. Custodial funds account for assets held by the County, particularly the Collector/Treasurer, as an agent of individuals, private organizations, taxing units, other governments and/or funds. Budgets are not adopted for the County’s custodial funds.

C. Basis of Accounting

The financial statements are prepared on the cash basis of accounting; accordingly, amounts are recognized when received or disbursed in cash. This basis of accounting 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.

D. Budgets 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's policy is to adopt a budget for each governmental fund.
2. On or before the second Monday in January, each elected officer and department director will transmit to the County Commission and 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 includes estimated revenues and proposed expenditures, on the cash basis of accounting, for all budgeted funds. Budgeting of appropriations is based upon an estimated fund balance at the beginning of the year as well as estimated revenues to be received.
4. State law requires that, at the individual fund level, budgeted expenditures not exceed budgeted revenues plus anticipated beginning fund balance.
5. A public hearing is conducted to obtain public comment on the budget. Prior to its approval by the County Commission, the budget document is available for public inspection, which usually takes place the third and fourth weeks of January.
6. Prior to February 1, the budget is legally enacted by a vote of the County Commission.
7. Subsequent to its formal approval of the budget, the County Commission has the authority to make necessary adjustments to the budget by a formal vote of the Commission. Budgeted amounts are as originally adopted, or as amended by the County Commission throughout the year.
8. Budgets are prepared and adopted on the cash basis of accounting.
9. Adoption of a formal budget is required by law.
10. Section 50.740, RSMo prohibits expenditures in excess of the approved budgets. Actual expenditures exceed budgeted amounts for the Bond Reserve Fund in 2018.

- E. Property taxes are based on the voter-approved tax levy applied to the real and personal assessed property values. Property taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property as of January 1. Taxes are levied on September 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.

The assessed valuations of the tangible taxable property, included within the County's boundaries for the calendar year 2019 and 2018, for purposes of taxation were:

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Real Estate	\$ 169,460,630	\$ 168,294,370
Personal Property	69,198,054	66,589,029
Railroad and Utilities	<u>27,806,714</u>	<u>27,197,957</u>
Total	<u>\$ 266,465,398</u>	<u>\$ 262,081,356</u>

For calendar years 2019 and 2018, the County Commission approved a tax levy per \$100 of assessed valuation of tangible taxable property as follows:

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
General Revenue	0.1876	0.1749

In addition to the levy above, the County assesses a .50 levy on parcels of land that are part of the sewer district and receives 5% of Road & Bridge taxes levied and collected by each township in the County.

F. Cash Deposits and Cash Equivalents

Deposits and cash equivalents 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 these balances is allocated to each of the funds based on the funds' average daily cash balance. Cash equivalents may 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, purchased at a price at or below 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 and cash equivalent balances are presented in Note 2.

G. Interfund Activity

During the course of operations, interfund activity occurs for purposes of providing supplemental funding, reimbursements for goods provided or services rendered, or short and long-term financing. Interfund activities are reported as "transfers in" by the recipient fund and as "transfers out" by the disbursing fund. However, interfund reimbursements have been

eliminated from the financial statements in order that reimbursed expenditures are reported only in the funds incurring the costs.

2. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

The County maintains a cash and temporary investment pool that is available for use by all funds. Each fund's portion of this pool is displayed on the financial statements within the "Cash and Cash Equivalents" caption. Cash and cash equivalents includes deposits and short-term investments with maturities that are less than ninety days.

Custodial Credit Risk - Deposits – Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, a government's deposits may not be returned to it. Missouri statutes require that all deposits with financial institutions be collateralized in an amount at least equal to uninsured deposits. At December 31, 2019 and 2018, the carrying amounts of the County's deposits were \$2,600,141 and \$2,386,004, respectively, and the bank balances were \$2,658,102 and \$2,156,261, respectively. Of the bank balances, \$250,000 and \$250,000 were covered by federal depository insurance at December 31, 2019 and December 31, 2018, respectively. The remainder of the balances at December 31, 2019 and December 31, 2018 were covered by collateral held at the Federal Reserve Bank and the County's safekeeping bank agent in the County's name or by a line of credit held by the County or by its agent in the County's name.

At December 31, 2019 and 2018, County officeholders held, in addition to the cash and cash equivalents listed above, cash and cash equivalents held in a fiduciary capacity on behalf of individuals, private organizations, taxing units, other governments and/or funds. At December 31, 2019 and 2018, the carrying amounts of the County's custodial funds were \$12,986,587 and \$12,106,873, respectively, and the bank balances were \$9,489,324 and \$9,169,599, respectively. Of the bank balances, \$856,902 and \$756,347 were covered by federal depository insurance at December 31, 2019 and December 31, 2018, respectively. The remainder of the balances at December 31, 2019 and December 31, 2018 were covered by collateral held at the Federal Reserve Bank and the County's safekeeping bank agent in the County's name or by a line of credit held by the County or by its agent in the County's name.

3. COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT PLANS

A. Missouri Local Government Employees Retirement System (LAGERS)

1) Plan Description

Vernon County participates in the Missouri Local Government Employees Retirement System (LAGERS), an agent multiple-employer public employee retirement system that acts as a common investment and administrative agent for local government entities in Missouri. LAGERS is a defined benefit pension plan which provides retirement, disability, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. LAGERS was created and is governed by statute, Section 70.600-70.755, RSMo. As such, it is the system's 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 Missouri Local Government Employees Retirement System issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That report may be obtained by writing to LAGERS, P.O. Box 1665, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102 or by calling 1-800-447-4334, or by the following website, www.molagers.org.

2) Pension Benefits

Benefits are available to all full-time employees working in a LAGERS covered department. Benefits vest when an employee earns five years (60 months) of service credit in the system. Normal retirement age is 60 (General) or 55 (Police), and early retirement is 55 (General) and 50 (Police). Benefits are paid out using a formula that is based on the employee's final average salary and amount of credited service time.

3) Funding Policy

Full-time employees of Vernon County do not contribute to the pension plan. The June 30th statutorily required contribution rates were 7.7% and 7.4% (General), and 12.5% and 12.8% (Police) of annual covered payroll for 2019 and 2018, respectively. The contribution requirements of plan members are determined by the governing body of the political subdivision. The contribution provisions of the political subdivision are established by state statute. For the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018, the County contributed \$192,192 and \$190,764 to LAGERS.

B. County Employees' Retirement Fund (CERF)

The County Employees' Retirement Fund was established by the State of Missouri to provide pension benefits for County officials and employees.

1) Plan Description

The Retirement Fund is a cost-sharing multiple employer defined benefit pension plan covering any county elective or appointed officer or employee whose performance requires the actual performance of duties during not less than one thousand (1,000) hours per calendar year in each county of the state, except for any city not within a county and any county of the first classification having a charter form of government. It does not include county prosecuting attorneys covered under Sections 56.800 to 56.840, RSMo, circuit clerks and deputy circuit clerks covered under the Missouri State Retirement System, county sheriffs covered under Sections 57.949 to 57.997, RSMo and certain personnel not defined as an employee per Section 50.1000(8), RSMo. The Fund was created by an act of the legislature and was effective August 28, 1994.

The general administration and the responsibility for the proper operation of the Fund and the investment of the Fund are vested in a board of directors of eleven persons.

2) Pension Benefits

Beginning January 1, 1997, employees attaining the age of sixty-two years may retire with full benefits with eight or more years of creditable service. The monthly benefit for County Employees is determined by selecting the highest benefit calculated using three different

prescribed formulas (flat-dollar formula, targeted replacement ratio formula, and prior plan's formula). A death benefit of \$10,000 will be paid to the designated beneficiary of every active member upon his or her death.

Upon termination of employment, any member who is vested is entitled to a deferred annuity, payable at age sixty-two. Early retirement is at age fifty-five. Any member with less than eight years of creditable service forfeits all rights in the Fund but will be paid his or her accumulated contributions.

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, by calling 1-877-632-2373, or by the following website, www.mocerf.org.

3) Funding Policy

In accordance with State Statutes, the Plan is partially funded through various fees collected by counties and remitted to the CERF. Further, all participants hired on or after February 24, 2002 are required to contribute an additional 4% of their gross compensation to CERF, starting January 1, 2003. An active LAGERS participant who was employed with the County prior to February 24, 2002, is not required to make contributions. The County has elected not to make contributions on behalf of employees. During 2019 and 2018, the County collected and remitted to CERF employee withholdings of \$81,828 and \$81,073, respectively, for the years then ended.

C. Deferred 457 Pension Plan

Participation in the plan is voluntary for all full-time employees. Part-time employees are not eligible to participate in the plan. Plan participants can elect to contribute any whole percentage or dollar amount of their earnings to the plan. Fifty cents on the dollar is matched by CERF on the first 6% of an employee's contribution. The County does not contribute to the plan. Employee contributions collected and remitted by the County for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018 were \$51,107 and \$47,709, respectively.

D. 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 contributed \$11,628 and \$11,628, respectively, for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018.

4. 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.

5. CLAIMS, COMMITMENT AND CONTINGENCIES

A. Compensated Absences

The County provides employees with up to a maximum of six weeks of sick leave, to accrue at 5.5 hours per pay period for full-time employees and 4 hours per pay period for part-time employees. Upon termination, employees are not compensated for accrued sick time. Vacation time is accrued for every full-time employee, and accrues at the rate of 5 day per year up to twenty days per year depending on length of employment. Vacation time must be used in its entirety within one year of being earned unless approved by the supervisor and County Commission.

B. Federal and State Assisted Programs

The County has received proceeds from several federal and state grants. Periodic audits of these grants, when performed, could result in the disallowance of certain costs. Accordingly, 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 and, therefore, no provision has been made in the accompanying financial statements for the potential refund of grant monies.

6. 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 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.

7. LONG-TERM DEBT

The County had the following long-term debt outstanding as of December 31, 2019:

- A. The County issued \$6,860,000 in Certificates of Participation, Series 2007, to provide funds for the construction of a new law enforcement facility and to repay the related bond anticipation notes. The County created a Law Enforcement Sales Tax Fund and a Bond Reserve Fund in which the activity for this project and the bond reserve are recorded. Sales tax revenue bonds are payable from a one-half cent sales tax plus the interest from the Bond Reserve Fund. In December 2016, the County paid down the debt using funds from the Bond Reserve Fund and refinanced the remaining balance. Principal payments are due on October 1 each year through 2027. Interest is due on April 1 and October 1 each year with rates increasing from 2% up to 3.1%. The schedule of remaining payments and interest is listed below:

Fiscal Year Ending December 31,	Principal	Interest	Total
2020	\$ 515,000	\$ 112,353	\$ 627,353
2021	520,000	102,052	622,052
2022	530,000	90,613	620,613
2023	535,000	77,892	612,892
2024	545,000	64,518	609,518
2025-2027	1,705,000	103,567	1,808,567
Totals	<u>\$ 4,350,000</u>	<u>\$ 550,995</u>	<u>\$ 4,900,995</u>

- B. On December 4, 2015, the county entered into a \$64,756, 48 month capital lease for two 2016 Police Interceptor Utility AWD vehicles for the Sheriff's Department. The lease is to be paid in annual payments of \$17,618, which includes interest of 5.95%. The final payment was made during 2018.
- C. In June 2017, the County entered into a \$132,941 loan for the purchase of dispatch equipment. The loan originally called for a maturity date of June 2022, however, the final payment was made during 2019.
- D. In September 2019, the County entered into a \$69,700 lease-purchase agreement for a Ford Transit Cargo Van. The agreement calls for an initial payment of \$29,456 and two payments of \$22,228, with an interest rate of 6.9%. The schedule of remaining payments and interest is listed below:

Fiscal Year Ending December 31,	Principal	Interest	Total
2020	\$ 19,451	\$ 2,777	\$ 22,228
2021	20,793	1,435	22,228
Totals	<u>\$ 40,244</u>	<u>\$ 4,212</u>	<u>\$ 44,456</u>

The following schedule shows changes in long-term debt during the year ended December 31, 2018:

Description	Balance 12/31/2017	Additions	Payments	Balance 12/31/2018	Interest Paid
COPS	\$ 5,350,000	\$ -	\$ (500,000)	\$ 4,850,000	\$ 132,353
2016 Interceptors	16,629	-	(16,629)	-	989
Dispatch equipment	89,404	-	(42,189)	47,215	2,811

The following schedule shows changes in long-term debt during the year ended December 31, 2019:

Description	Balance 12/31/2018	Additions	Payments	Balance 12/31/2019	Interest Paid
COPS	\$ 4,850,000	\$ -	\$ (500,000)	\$ 4,350,000	\$ 122,353
Dispatch equipment	47,215	-	(47,215)	-	939
Cargo Van	-	69,700	(29,456)	40,244	-

8. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The County has evaluated events subsequent to December 31, 2019 to assess the need for potential recognition or disclosure in the financial statements. Such events were evaluated through August 6, 2020, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

Subsequent to December 31, 2019, the County has been impacted by the coronavirus pandemic in the United States. This event has led to a decrease in business and consumer activity within the County and could have a negative impact on sales and other tax revenues in 2020, as well as potentially affecting the availability of grants and other assistance from the state and federal governments.

COMPLIANCE SECTION

McBRIDE, LOCK & ASSOCIATES, LLC

Certified Public Accountants

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS*

To the County Commission and
Officeholders of Vernon County, 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 Vernon County, Missouri which comprise the Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Cash – All Governmental Funds – Regulatory Basis and the Statement of Fiduciary Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Cash – Regulatory Basis as of December 31, 2018 and 2019, and the related Comparative Statements of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Cash – Budget and Actual – Regulatory Basis for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Vernon County, Missouri's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated August 6, 2020.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Vernon County, Missouri'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 Vernon County, Missouri's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Vernon County, Missouri'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 County'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. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Vernon County, Missouri'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*.

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.

McBride, Lock & Associates, LLC

McBride, Lock & Associates, LLC
Kansas City, Missouri
August 6, 2020

FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

VERNON COUNTY, MISSOURI
FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

MATERIAL WEAKNESSES IN INTERNAL CONTROL

None

SIGNIFICANT INTERNAL CONTROL DEFICIENCIES

None

ITEMS OF NONCOMPLIANCE

None

OTHER MATTERS

In planning and performing our audit of the Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Cash – All Governmental Funds – Regulatory Basis, the Statement of Fiduciary Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Cash – Regulatory Basis, and the Comparative Statements of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Cash – Budget and Actual – Regulatory Basis – All Governmental Funds as of and for the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2019, we considered Vernon County's internal control in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on internal control. We issued our report on our consideration of internal control over financial reporting dated August 6, 2020. However, during our audit we became aware of matters that are opportunities for strengthening internal controls.

Bank Reconciliations

The bank reconciliation for the Treasurer's account at December 31, 2018 and 2019 included outstanding checks that were greater than 120 days old totaling \$7,331 and \$18,067, respectively. The December 31, 2018 reconciliation included 3 checks that were more than a year old, and the December 31, 2019 reconciliation included 15 checks that were more than a year old. The majority of these checks were written to the City of Harwood and the Collector/Treasurer is investigating a resolution.

We recommend that the Collector/Treasurer ensure that stale outstanding checks are followed up in a timely manner and removed from the bank reconciliation when it becomes apparent that checks will not be cashed. Checks that have remained unclaimed for more than three years are deemed abandoned and are required to be turned over immediately to the State Treasurer pursuant to state statutes.

VERNON COUNTY, MISSOURI
FOLLOW-UP ON PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS FOR AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, this section reports the auditor's follow-up on action taken by Vernon County, Missouri, on the applicable findings in the prior audit report issued for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016.

2017-001: Actual expenditures exceeded budget expenditures for one fund in 2017 and four funds in 2016. In addition the County did not adopt a formal budget for one fund in 2016.

Status: Resolved.

