

Sheriff's Settlement and Independent
Accountants' Compilation Report

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The Honorable Jim Gray, Mayor, Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government
The Honorable Kathy H. Witt, Fayette County Sheriff
Members of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government

Management is responsible for the accompanying Sheriff's Statement - 2017 Taxes (the "Statement") of the Fayette County Sheriff for the period April 18, 2017 through April 16, 2018 and the related notes to the Statement in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting, and for determining that the modified cash basis of accounting is an acceptable financial reporting framework. We have performed a compilation engagement in accordance with the Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. We did not audit or review the Statement and the related notes, nor were we required to perform any procedures to verify the accuracy or completeness of the information provided by management. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any form of assurance on the Statement and the related notes.

We draw attention to Note A which describes the basis of accounting. The Statement is prepared in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

STROTHMAN AND COMPANY

Louisville, Kentucky
June 14, 2018

Sheriff's Statement - 2017 Taxes

Fayette County Sheriff

For The Period April 18, 2017 Through April 16, 2018

	County Taxes	Special Taxing Districts	School Taxes	State Taxes	Downtown Taxes
Charges					
Real estate	\$ 21,083,274	\$ 62,286,570	\$ 197,366,189	\$ 32,104,924	\$ 433,448
Tangible personal property	1,756,007	1,984,156	14,391,724	5,954,152	
Increase through exonerations	1,713	3,078	14,782	3,722	
Franchise taxes	1,202,659	1,594,010	10,034,221		
Additional billings	109,841	328,502	985,183	208,934	
Limestone, sand, and mineral reserves	1,511	4,243	14,168	2,305	
Penalties	53,593	155,152	491,667	85,838	842
Gross Charges to Sheriff	24,208,598	66,355,711	223,297,934	38,359,875	434,290
Credits					
Exonerations	38,837	102,257	276,025	71,598	38
Discounts	409,052	1,143,728	3,789,436	673,558	7,267
Delinquents					
Real estate	91,396	247,080	810,215	131,795	2,292
Tangible personal property	8,452	9,300	69,282	30,430	
Additional billings	125	351	1,130	210	
Franchise taxes	11	10	88		
Uncollected					
Franchise taxes	103,634	103,974	849,448		
Additional billings	4,482	14,892	42,023	6,836	
Total Credits	655,989	1,621,592	5,837,647	914,427	9,597
Taxes collected	23,552,609	64,734,119	217,460,287	37,445,448	424,693
Less commissions *	1,000,986	1,492,119	3,261,904	1,591,432	18,049
Taxes due	22,551,623	63,242,000	214,198,383	35,854,016	406,644
Taxes paid	22,515,286	63,178,413	213,888,625	35,814,661	406,607
Refunds (current and prior year)	40,549	65,187	309,908	45,824	37
Refunds due Sheriff as of completion of audit**	\$ (4,212)	\$ (1,600)	\$ (150)	\$ (6,469)	\$ -

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Sheriff's Statement - 2017 Taxes--Continued

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*Commissions		
4.25% on	\$	88,296,141
1.5% on		217,460,287
\$350,000 on		37,860,728
**Special Taxing Districts		
Health District	\$	(1,473)
Soil Conversation District		(103)
Extension District		(167)
Lextran		145
LFUCG - Full/Partial Services District		<u>(2)</u>
(Refunds Due Sheriff)	\$	<u><u>(1,600)</u></u>

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Notes to Financial Statement

Fayette County Sheriff

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Note A--Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Fund Accounting--The tax collection duties of the Fayette County Sheriff (the "Sheriff") are limited to acting as an agent for assessed property owners and taxing districts. A fund is used to account for the collection and distribution of taxes. A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain government functions or activities.

Basis of Accounting--The financial statement has been prepared on a modified cash basis of accounting. Basis of accounting refers to when charges, credits, and taxes paid are reported in the settlement statement. It relates to the timing of measurements regardless of the measurement focus.

Charges are sources of revenue which are recognized in the tax period in which they become available and measurable. Credits are reductions of revenue which are recognized when there is proper authorization. Taxes paid are uses of revenue which are recognized when distributions are made to the taxing districts and others.

Cash and Investments--At the direction of the Urban County Council, Kentucky Revised Statute ("KRS") 66.480 authorizes the Sheriff's office to invest in the following, including but not limited to, obligations of the United States and of its agencies and instrumentalities, obligations and contracts for future delivery or purchase of obligations backed by the full faith and credit of the United States, obligations of any corporation of the United States government, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of this state, and certificates of deposit issued by or other interest-bearing accounts of any bank or savings and loan institution which are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") or which are collateralized, to the extent uninsured, by any obligation permitted by KRS 41.240(4).

Note B--Deposits

The Sheriff maintained deposits of public funds with depository institutions insured by the FDIC as required by KRS 66.480(1)(d). According to KRS 41.240(4), the depository institution should pledge or provide sufficient collateral which, together with FDIC insurance, equals or exceeds the amount of public funds on deposit at all times. In order to be valid against the FDIC in the event of failure or insolvency of the depository institution, this pledge or provision of collateral should be evidenced by an agreement between the Sheriff and the depository institution, signed by both parties, that is (a) in writing, (b) approved by the board of directors of the depository institution or its loan committee, which approval must be reflected in the minutes of the board or committee, and (c) an official record of the depository institution .

Custodial Credit Risk – Deposits--Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a depository institution failure, the Sheriff's deposits may not be returned. The Sheriff does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk but rather follows the requirements of KRS 41.240(4). As of April 16, 2018, all deposits were covered by FDIC insurance or a properly executed collateral security agreement.

Notes to Financial Statement--Continued

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Note C--Tax Collection Period

The real and personal property tax assessments were levied as of January 1, 2017. Property taxes were billed to finance governmental services for the year ended June 30, 2018. Liens are effective when the tax bills become delinquent. The collection period for these assessments was September 20, 2017 through April 16, 2018.

Note D--Interest Income

The Sheriff earned \$1,864 as interest income on 2017 taxes. This amount was used to pay account analysis and processing fees charged by the financial institutions utilized by the Sheriff's office. The Sheriff paid \$20,500 in bank fees.

Note E--Sheriff's Ten Percent Add-On Fee

The Sheriff collected \$405,081 of 10% add-on fees allowed by KRS 134.119(7). This amount was used to operate the Sheriff's office.

Note F--Subsequent Events

Subsequent events have been evaluated through June 14, 2018, which is the date the financial statement was available to be issued.