AUDIT REPORT OF BUFFALO COUNTY

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LIST OF COUNTY OFFICIALS

At June 30, 2008

Name	Title	Term Expires
Horace Dannehl	Board of Supervisors	Jan. 2009
Kent Greder	-	Jan. 2011
Ivan Klein		Jan. 2011
Timothy Loewenstein		Jan. 2011
William McMullen		Jan. 2009
Sherry Morrow		Jan. 2011
Richard Pierce		Jan. 2009
Joe Woodward	Assessor	Jan. 2011
Shawn Eatherton	Attorney	Jan. 2011
Jan Giffin	Clerk	Jan. 2011
Glenda DeBrie	Election Commissioner	Jan. 2011
Kellie John	Register of Deeds	Jan. 2011
ixelile John	Register of Deeds	Juli. 2011
Sharon Mauler	Clerk of the District Court	Jan. 2011
Neil Miller	Sheriff	Jan. 2011
Jean Sidwell	Treasurer	Jan. 2011
William Williams	Veterans' Service Officer	Appointed
Richard Kincaid	Weed Superintendent	Appointed
LeAnn Klein	Planning / Zoning	Appointed
Ronald Sklenar	Highway Superintendent	Appointed



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BUFFALO COUNTY

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Supervisors Buffalo County, Nebraska

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Buffalo County, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2008, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements as listed in the Table of Contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the County's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions 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 of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

As discussed in Note 1, these financial statements were prepared on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective cash balances of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information for the primary government of Buffalo County, as of June 30, 2008, and the respective changes in cash balances thereof for the year then ended in conformity with the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 9, 2008, on our consideration of Buffalo County'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 to describe the

scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

The budgetary comparison information is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

The County has not presented Management's Discussion and Analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America has determined is necessary to supplement, although not required to be part of, the basic financial statements.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements. The combining nonmajor fund financial statement, nonmajor budgetary comparison information, schedule of office activity, and schedule of taxes certified and collected, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such statements and schedules have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

Signed Original on File

December 9, 2008

Deann Haeffner, CPA Assistant Deputy Auditor

BUFFALO COUNTY STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS - CASH BASIS June 30, 2008

	Governmental Activities		
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 1.D)	\$	819,742	
Investments (Note 1.D)		3,531,452	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	4,351,194	
NET ASSETS Restricted for: Visitors Promotion Re-Use Economic Development Other Purposes	\$	58,365 93,537 103,296	
Unrestricted		4,095,996	
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$	4,351,194	

BUFFALO COUNTY STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES - CASH BASIS

For the Year Ended June 30, 2008

		Program Ca	ash Receipts	Net (Disbursement)
		Fees, Fines, Operating		Receipts and
	Cash	and Charges	Grants and	Changes in
Functions:	Disbursements	for Services	Contributions	Net Assets
Governmental Activities:				
General Government	\$ (6,138,637)	\$ 1,193,246	\$ 271,814	\$ (4,673,577)
Public Safety	(4,912,994)	614,319	493,198	(3,805,477)
Public Works	(6,534,661)	175,670	2,444,982	(3,914,009)
Health and Sanitation	(124,781)	-	-	(124,781)
Public Assistance	(326,766)	-	19,627	(307,139)
Culture and Recreation	(777,640)	-	-	(777,640)
Capital Outlay	(1,802,338)			(1,802,338)
Total Governmental Activities	\$ (20,617,817)	\$ 1,983,235	\$ 3,229,621	(15,404,961)

General Receipts:	
Property Taxes	12,566,115
Grants and Contributions Not Restricted to	
Specific Programs	1,922,972
Investment Income	361,860
Miscellaneous	533,721
Total General Receipts	15,384,668
Change in Net Assets	(20,293)
Net Assets - Beginning	4,371,487
Net Assets - Ending	\$ 4,351,194

BUFFALO COUNTY STATEMENT OF CASH BASIS ASSETS AND FUND BALANCES GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

June 30, 2008

			Inheritance	Building and	Other Governmental	Total Governmental
	General Fund	Road Fund	Fund	Repair Fund	Funds	Funds
ASSETS						
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 1.D)	\$ 69,653	\$ 314,025	\$ -	\$ 39,848	\$ 396,216	\$ 819,742
Investments (Note 1.D)	1,411,652		1,519,800	600,000		3,531,452
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 1,481,305	\$ 314,025	\$ 1,519,800	\$ 639,848	\$ 396,216	\$ 4,351,194
FUND BALANCES						
Unreserved, reported in:						
General fund	\$ 1,481,305	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,481,305
Special revenue funds	-	314,025	1,519,800	639,848	396,216	2,869,889
TOTAL CASH BASIS FUND BALANCES	\$ 1,481,305	\$ 314,025	\$ 1,519,800	\$ 639,848	\$ 396,216	\$ 4,351,194

BUFFALO COUNTY STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN CASH BASIS FUND BALANCES GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

For the Year Ended June 30, 2008

	General Fund	0		Building and Repair Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
RECEIPTS						
Property Taxes	\$ 11,436,116	\$ -	\$ 501,224	\$ -	\$ 628,775	\$ 12,566,115
Licenses and Permits	169,170	-	-	-	-	169,170
Interest	-	-	-	361,502	358	361,860
Intergovernmental	2,689,584	2,444,982	-	-	18,027	5,152,593
Charges for Services	1,807,565	24,233	-	-	151,437	1,983,235
Miscellaneous	117,717	89,337	21,154		136,343	364,551
TOTAL RECEIPTS	16,220,152	2,558,552	522,378	361,502	934,940	20,597,524
DISBURSEMENTS						
General Government	6,126,060	-	60	-	12,517	6,138,637
Public Safety	4,761,344	-	-	-	151,650	4,912,994
Public Works	104,536	4,397,911	-	-	2,032,214	6,534,661
Health and Sanitation	124,781	-	-	-	-	124,781
Public Assistance	178,968	-	-	-	147,798	326,766
Culture and Recreation	348,340	-	-	-	429,300	777,640
Capital Outlay	-	-	-	1,802,338	-	1,802,338
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	11,644,029	4,397,911	60	1,802,338	2,773,479	20,617,817
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF RECEIPTS						
OVER DISBURSEMENTS	4,576,123	(1,839,359)	522,318	(1,440,836)	(1,838,539)	(20,293)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)						
Transfers in	523,340	2,040,000	950,000	-	2,052,300	5,565,640
Transfers out	(4,740,800)	(21,695)	(801,500)	-	(1,645)	(5,565,640)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(4,217,460)	2,018,305	148,500		2,050,655	-
Net Change in Fund Balances	358,663	178,946	670,818	(1,440,836)	212,116	(20,293)
CASH BASIS FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING	1,122,642	135,079	848,982	2,080,684	184,100	4,371,487
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CASH BASIS FUND BALANCES - ENDING	\$ 1,481,305	\$ 314,025	\$ 1,519,800	\$ 639,848	\$ 396,216	\$ 4,351,194

STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY ASSETS AND LIABILITIES - CASH BASIS FIDUCIARY FUNDS

June 30, 2008

	Agency Funds			
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	4,789,647		
LIABILITIES				
Due to other governments				
State		700,176		
Schools		2,854,962		
Educational Service Units		5,121		
Technical College		27,369		
Natural Resource Districts		18,677		
Fire Districts		68,916		
Municipalities		419,852		
Agricultural Society		7,413		
Townships		168,939		
Sanitary and Improvement Districts		136,828		
Others		381,394		
TOTAL LIABILITIES		4,789,647		
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$	_		

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008

1. <u>Summary of Significant Accounting Policies</u>

The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies utilized in the accounting system of Buffalo County.

A. Reporting Entity

Buffalo County, Nebraska (County) is a governmental entity established under and governed by the laws of the State of Nebraska (State). The County is managed by elected county officials who are elected on a political ballot for four-year terms. As a political subdivision of the State, the County is exempt from State and Federal income taxes. The financial statements include all funds of the County that are not legally separate. The County has also considered all potential component units for which it is financially accountable, and other organizations which are fiscally dependent on the County, or the significance of their relationship with the County is such that exclusion would be misleading or incomplete. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. These criteria include appointing a voting majority of an organization, or (2) the potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to, or impose specific financial burdens on the County.

As required by generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), these financial statements present the County (the primary government). No component units were identified.

Joint Organization.

<u>Behavioral Health Region III</u> - The County has entered into an agreement with surrounding counties and the Nebraska Health and Human Services System to provide services to carry out the provisions of the Nebraska Behavioral Health Services Act (Act). Agreements were established under the authority of the Interlocal Cooperation Act for services to be provided under the Act. The Region consists of the following counties: Blaine, Loup, Garfield, Wheeler, Custer, Valley, Greeley, Sherman, Howard, Buffalo, Hall, Phelps, Kearney, Adams, Clay, Furnas, Harlan, Hamilton, Merrick, Franklin, Webster, and Nuckolls.

The governing board for the Region includes representatives from the participating county boards. Each county contributes to the financial support of the Region activities based on formulas developed by the Region governing board and as required by the Act. Funding is provided by a combination of federal, state, local, and private funding. The County contributed \$140,999 toward the operation of the Region during fiscal year 2008.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

1. <u>Summary of Significant Accounting Policies</u> (Continued)

In the event of the termination of the agreement, assets would be disposed of in accordance with the terms of the agreement. The Nebraska Health and Human Services System requires the Region to be audited annually in accordance with State Statute. Financial information for the Region is available in those audit reports.

<u>Health Department</u> – The County has entered into an agreement with Buffalo County Community Health Partners to provide public health services. Agreements were established under authority of the Interlocal Cooperation Act for services to be provided per State Statutes 71-1626 to 71-1636.

The Department's governing board is established by Statute and includes representatives from the participating county boards and the health profession. Funding is provided by a combination of federal, state, local, and private funding. In the event of the termination of the agreement, assets would be disposed of in accordance with the terms of the agreement. The Department is required to be audited annually in accordance with State Statute 84-304. Financial information for the Department is available in that report.

B. Basis of Presentation

Government-wide Financial Statements. The Statement of Net Assets - Cash Basis and Statement of Activities - Cash Basis display information about the activities of the County, and are in the format of government-wide statements as required by GASB Statement Number 34. These statements include all the financial activities of the County, except for fiduciary activities. Internal activities in these statements have not been eliminated. Governmental GAAP would require internal activity to be eliminated to minimize double counting. The County reports governmental activities only. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other nonexchange transactions.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct disbursement of a given function or segment is offset by program receipts. Direct disbursements are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program receipts include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment, and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Taxes and other items not properly included among program receipts are reported instead as general receipts.

Fund Financial Statements. The fund financial statements provide information about the County's funds, including its fiduciary funds. GAAP requires separate statements by

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

1. <u>Summary of Significant Accounting Policies</u> (Continued)

fund category - governmental, proprietary, and fiduciary. The County uses only the governmental and fiduciary fund categories. The emphasis of fund financial statements is on major governmental funds. All remaining governmental funds are aggregated and reported as nonmajor funds.

The County reports the following major governmental funds:

General Fund. This is the County's primary operating fund. It accounts for financial resources of the general government, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Road Fund. This fund is used to account for costs associated with the repair and maintenance of roads and bridges.

Inheritance Fund. This fund is used to account for the revenues generated from estate taxes.

Building and Repair Fund. This fund is used to account for costs associated with building and repair of County-owned facilities.

The County reports the following additional fund types:

Special Revenue Funds. These funds account for the proceeds from a specific revenue source that is restricted to expenditures for a specified purpose.

Agency Funds. These funds account for assets held by the County as an agent for various local governments.

Capital Project Funds. These funds account for all resources received and used for the acquisition or development of major capital improvements.

C. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus and basis of accounting. The accounting records of the County are maintained and the government-wide financial statements were reported on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements. As such, the measurement focus includes only those assets and fund balances arising from cash transactions on the Statement of Net Assets - Cash Basis and the Statement of Activities - Cash Basis. Revenues are recognized when received and expenditures are recognized when warrants are paid. This differs from

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

1. <u>Summary of Significant Accounting Policies</u> (Continued)

governmental GAAP, which requires the government-wide and fiduciary fund financial statements to be reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Under this measurement focus and basis of accounting revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows.

The governmental fund financial statements were also reported on the cash receipt and disbursement basis of accounting. As such, the same measurement focus and basis of accounting were used as described above. This differs from governmental GAAP, which require governmental fund financial statements to be reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this measurement focus and basis of accounting, revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments are recorded only when payment is due.

D. Assets and Net Assets

Cash and Cash Equivalents. The County's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand and demand deposits.

Investments. The types of investments in which the County is authorized to invest funds are enumerated in Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 77-2315, 77-2340, and 77-2341 (Reissue 2003), and generally include U.S. Government obligations, certificates of deposit, and time deposits and securities which are authorized by the Nebraska Investment Council.

Capital Assets. Under the cash receipts and disbursements basis of accounting, capital assets are not capitalized in the funds used to acquire or construct them. Instead, capital acquisitions are reflected as disbursements in governmental funds. GAAP requires capital assets, which would include property, plant, equipment, and infrastructure assets (e.g., roads, bridges, sidewalks, and similar items) to be reported in the applicable governmental activities columns in the government-wide financial statements.

Depreciation expenses on capital assets were not recorded on the cash basis financial statements. Under GAAP, depreciation expenses would be recorded in the Statement of Activities. The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that does not add to the value of the asset or extend asset life is not capitalized.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

1. <u>Summary of Significant Accounting Policies</u> (Concluded)

Compensated Absences. Vested or accumulated vacation leave that is liquidated with expendable available financial resources is reported as an expenditure of the County funds as paid. Upon termination, employees are paid for any unused vacation. Under the receipts and disbursements basis of accounting, the liabilities for compensated absences are not reported since they do not represent liabilities arising from cash transactions. Under GAAP, the compensated absences liability would be reported in the government-wide financial statements and would be recorded in accordance with the County's policy, which is to recognize the expense and accrued liability when vacation and compensatory leave is earned.

Restricted Net Assets. When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the County's policy to use restricted resources first, then the unrestricted resources, as they are needed. Net assets are reported as restricted when constraints placed on their use are either externally imposed or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. The government-wide statement of net assets reports \$255,198 of restricted net assets which are restricted by enabling legislation.

2. <u>Deposits and Investments</u>

The County has generally pooled the cash resources of the various funds for investment purposes. Interest earned on pooled funds is credited to the County General Fund in accordance with Neb. Rev. Stat. § 77-2315 (Reissue 2003).

At year end, the County's carrying amount of deposits was \$819,742 for County funds and \$2,014,748 for Fiduciary funds. The bank balances for all funds totaled \$2,717,114. For purposes of classifying categories of custodial risk, the bank balances of the County's deposits as of June 30, 2008, were either entirely insured or collateralized with securities held by the County's agent in the County's name.

The County's carrying value of investments are stated at cost, which approximates market. Investments consisted of \$3,531,452 for County funds and \$2,774,899 for Fiduciary funds deposited in the Nebraska Public Agency Investment Trust (NPAIT). NPAIT is a public entity investment pool operated under the direction of a seven member Board of Trustees. All net income of the trust is determined as of the close of business on each banking day and is credited thereafter pro rata to each participant's account. Net income which has accrued to each participant is converted as of the close of business of each calendar month into additional units which thereafter are held in each participant's trust account. Since net income of the fund is allocated among participant's each time net income is determined, the net asset value remains at \$1.00 per unit. Securities held by NPAIT are not held in the County's name.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

3. <u>Property Taxes</u>

Property taxes are levied by the County Board on or before October 15 of each year for all political subdivisions in the County. Real estate and personal property taxes are due and attach as an enforceable lien on January 1 following the levy date, and become delinquent in two equal installments on May 1 and September 1. Motor vehicle taxes are due when application is made for registration of a motor vehicle.

Counties are permitted by the State Constitution to levy a tax of up to \$.50/\$100 of assessed valuation for general governmental services other than the payment of principal and interest on bonded debt. They may levy taxes in addition to the 50 cent limitation upon a vote of the people.

The levy set in October 2007, for the 2007 taxes which will be materially collected in May and September, 2008, was set at \$.397713/\$100 of assessed valuation. The levy set in October 2006, for the 2006 taxes which were materially collected in May and September, 2007, was set at \$.379993/\$100 of assessed valuation. The amount collected for motor vehicle tax is outlined in State Statute.

Additionally, there is currently a statutory lid limitation which limits taxation to the prior year's level, with provisions for growth. It may be increased by 1% by a three-fourths majority of the County Board.

4. <u>Retirement System</u>

The Retirement System for Nebraska Counties (the Plan) is a multiple-employer plan administered by the Public Employees Retirement Board in accordance with the provisions of the County Employees Retirement Act. The plan consists of a defined contribution option and a cash balance benefit. The cash balance benefit is a type of defined benefit plan. The Plan provisions are established under Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 23-2301 through 23-2335 and may be amended through legislative action.

Participation in the Plan is required of all full time employees. Part time (working less than one-half of the regularly scheduled hours) employees may elect voluntary participation upon reaching age 20. Part time elected officials may exercise the option to join.

County employees and elected officials contribute 4.5% of their total compensation. In addition, the County contributes an amount equal to 150% of the employee's contribution. The contribution rates are established by Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 23-2307 and 23-2308 (Reissue 2007), and may be amended through legislative action. The employee's and employer's contributions are kept in separate accounts. The employee's

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

4. <u>Retirement System</u> (Concluded)

account is fully vested. The employer's account is fully vested after three years of participation in the system, including the twelve month eligibility period or credit for participation in another governmental plan prior to actual contribution to the Plan. Prior service benefits are paid directly by the County to the retired employee.

A supplemental retirement plan was established on January 1, 2003, for the benefit of all present and future commissioned law enforcement personnel employed by the County. Employees contribute 1% of their salary and the County contributes an amount equal to 100% of the employee's contribution. In a defined contribution plan, benefits depend solely on amounts contributed to the Plan plus investment earnings.

For the year ended June 30, 2008, 242 employees contributed \$308,756; the County contributed \$463,143, which consisted of cash contributions. Additionally, for the year ended June 30, 2008, 27 law enforcement employees and the County contributed \$10,758 in cash contributions for the supplemental law enforcement plan. Lastly, the County paid \$1,438 directly to 16 retired employees for prior service benefits.

5. <u>Risk Management</u>

The County is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The County is a member of the Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association (NIRMA), a public entity risk pool currently operating as a common risk management and insurance program for 77 counties throughout Nebraska.

The County pays an annual deposit premium as calculated by the administrator of the pool. The premium is based on the losses and exposures of each County and the entire Pool. If the Pool becomes insolvent or is otherwise unable to discharge its legal liabilities and other obligations, the County may be assessed by the Board for an additional contribution equal to its contribution for the current fiscal year, divided by the contribution of all participants for such year, times the amount of such deficiency. Each such assessment, and the manner of calculating the same, shall be sent to each county in writing, and each county shall thereafter have sixty (60) days in which to pay the amount of such assessment. Each county shall remain liable for such assessments, regardless of such county's withdrawal from participation or the termination of the agreement, and for liabilities of the Pool incurred during such county's period of membership.

The agreement with NIRMA provides that NIRMA will provide coverage for up to a maximum amount per occurrence and purchase commercial insurance for claims in excess of coverage provided. In the event of a liability exceeding the commercial insurance, the County would be responsible for funding the excess amount.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

5. <u>Risk Management</u> (Concluded)

	NIRMA Coverage	Maximum Coverage			
General Liability Claim	\$ 300,000	\$	5,000,000		
Worker's Compensation Claim	\$ 300,000	Statutory Limits			
Property Damage Claim	\$ 250,000	Insured Value a Replacement Cos			

The County has not paid any additional assessments to the Pool in the last three fiscal years and no assessments are anticipated for fiscal year 2009. The County has not had to pay out any amounts that exceeded coverage provided by the Pool in the last three fiscal years.

6. <u>Interfund Transfers</u>

Interfund transfers for the year ended June 30, 2008, consisted of the following:

Transfers to	General Fund	Inheritance Fund		Road Fund		Nonmajor Funds		Total
General Fund	\$	\$	500,000	\$	21,695	\$	1,645	\$ 523,340
	-							
Inheritance Fund	950,000		-		-		-	950,000
Road Fund	1,790,000		250,000		-		-	2,040,000
Nonmajor Funds	2,000,800		51,500		-		-	2,052,300
Total	\$ 4,740,800	\$	801,500	\$	21,695	\$	1,645	\$ 5,565,640

Transfers are used to move unrestricted revenues collected in the General Fund and Inheritance Fund to finance various programs accounted for in other funds in accordance with budgetary authorizations.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

7. <u>Contingent Liabilities</u>

The County is a defendant in various lawsuits. Although the outcome of these lawsuits is not presently determinable, in the opinion of the County Attorney the resolution of these matters will not have a material adverse effect on the financial condition of the County.

8. <u>Bonds</u>

The County held a special election on March 11, 2008, at which electors approved the issuance of \$24,500,000 in negotiable general obligation bonds to pay the costs of acquiring, constructing, improving and equipping a county jail and detention facility. The bonds had not been issued as of June 30, 2008.

For the Year Ended June 30, 2008

	or the Year Ended June 3			
DECIDIDAS	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
RECEIPTS	¢ 10 100 004	¢ 10 100 004	ф <u>11 42 с 11 с</u>	¢ (750 (99))
Taxes	\$ 12,188,804	\$ 12,188,804 158,205	\$ 11,436,116	\$ (752,688)
Licenses and Permits	158,305	158,305	169,170	10,865
Intergovernmental	1,515,720	1,535,720	2,689,584	1,153,864
Charges for Services	1,649,250	1,649,250	1,807,565	158,315
Miscellaneous TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>62,000</u> 15,574,079	87,000 15,619,079	<u>117,717</u> 16,220,152	<u>30,717</u> 601,073
	15,574,079	13,019,079	10,220,132	001,075
DISBURSEMENTS General Government:				
County Board	218,230	218,230	217,090	1,140
County Dourd	123,352	123,352	121,555	1,797
County Treasurer	330,000	330,000	319,267	10,733
Register of Deeds	198,136	198,136	197,377	759
County Assessor	471,415	471,415	458,881	12,534
Election Commissioner	181,414	181,414	176,109	5,305
Zoning	77,876	78,376	78,259	5,505 117
Data Processing	398,796	398,796	398,490	306
Clerk of the District Court	505,535	505,535	442,121	63,414
County Court System	280,750	280,750	262,350	18,400
Public Defender				
	439,053	439,053	433,555 476,019	5,498 8,053
Building and Grounds	445,840	484,072		
Agricultural Extension Agent	174,794	174,794	173,703	1,091
Miscellaneous	2,374,252	2,373,752	2,371,284	2,468
Public Safety	1 749 615	17(2)(15	1 724 022	27 (92
County Sheriff	1,748,615	1,762,615	1,724,933	37,682
County Attorney	1,028,728	1,028,728	979,915	48,813
Communication Center	727,339	727,339	718,344	8,995
County Jail	1,050,870	1,050,870	1,040,096	10,774
Emergency Management	93,345	93,345	89,702	3,643
County Probation	36,350	36,350	35,346	1,004
Miscellaneous	261,398	203,066	173,008	30,058
Public Works	115 706	115 706	104 526	11.100
County Surveyor	115,726	115,726	104,536	11,190
Public Health Miscellaneous	107,574	124,824	124,781	43
Public Assistance	107,374	124,024	124,781	45
Veterans' Service Officer	116,091	116,091	105,919	10,172
Miscellaneous	69,331	73,081	73,049	32
Culture and Recreation	07,551	75,001	75,047	52
Miscellaneous	343,273	348,373	348,340	33
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	11,918,083	11,938,083	11,644,029	294,054
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS	3,655,996	3,680,996	4,576,123	895,127
	2,022,770	2,000,770	1,070,120	070,127
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	0.017.010	0.017.010	502 240	(0.002.070)
Transfers in	2,817,218	2,817,218	523,340	(2,293,878)
Transfers out TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(5,095,856) (2,278,638)	(5,120,856)	$\frac{(4,740,800)}{(4,217,460)}$	380,056 (1,913,822)
TOTAL OTHER THVANCING SOURCES (USES)	(2,278,038)	(2,303,638)		
Net Change in Fund Balance	1,377,358	1,377,358	358,663	(1,018,695)
Net Change in Fund Balance FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING FUND BALANCES - ENDING	1,377,358 1,122,642 \$ 2,500,000	1,377,358 1,122,642 \$ 2,500,000	358,663 1,122,642 \$ 1,481,305	(1,018,695)

For the Year Ended June 30, 2008

		Original Budget		Final Budget	Actual		Fi	riance with nal Budget Positive Negative)
ROAD FUND	-							
RECEIPTS Intergovernmental Charges for Services	\$	2,210,500	\$	2,210,500	\$	2,444,982 24,233	\$	234,482 24,233
Miscellaneous		90,000		90,000		89,337		(663)
TOTAL RECEIPTS		2,300,500		2,300,500		2,558,552		258,052
DISBURSEMENTS		4,612,594		4,612,594		4,397,911		214,683
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS		(2,312,094)		(2,312,094)	(1,839,359)		472,735
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) Transfers in Transfers out		2,177,015		2,177,015		2,040,000 (21,695)		(137,015) (21,695)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES))	2,177,015		2,177,015		2,018,305		(158,710)
Net Change in Fund Balance FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING FUND BALANCE - ENDING	\$	(135,079) 135,079 -	\$	(135,079) 135,079 -	\$	178,946 135,079 314,025	\$	314,025
INHERITANCE FUND RECEIPTS	-							
Taxes	\$	400,000	\$	400,000	\$	501,224	\$	101,224
Miscellaneous	Ψ	-	Ŷ	-	Ŷ	21,154	Ψ	21,154
TOTAL RECEIPTS		400,000		400,000		522,378		122,378
DISBURSEMENTS		2,500		2,500		60		2,440
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS		397,500		397,500		522,318		124,818
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)								
Transfers in		815,000		815,000		950,000		135,000
Transfers out		(2,061,482)		(2,061,482)		(801,500)		1,259,982
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(1,246,482)		(1,246,482)		148,500		1,394,982
Net Change in Fund Balance FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING		(848,982) 848,982		(848,982) 848,982		670,818 848,982		1,519,800
FUND BALANCE - ENDING	\$		\$	-	\$	1,519,800	\$	1,519,800

For the Year Ended June 30, 2008

		Original Budget		Final Budget		Actual	Fir	iance with al Budget Positive Negative)
BUILDING AND REPAIR FUND	_							
RECEIPTS								
Interest	\$	275,000	\$	275,000	\$	361,502	\$	86,502
TOTAL RECEIPTS		275,000		275,000		361,502		86,502
DISBURSEMENTS		1,600,000		1,600,000		1,802,338		(202,338)
DISDORSEMENTS		1,000,000		1,000,000		1,002,550		(202,330)
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS		(1,325,000)		(1,325,000)	(1,440,836)		(115,836)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)								
Transfers in		-		-		-		-
Transfers out		(755,684)		(755,684)		-		755,684
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(755,684)		(755,684)		-		755,684
Net Change in Fund Balance		(2,080,684)		(2,080,684)		1,440,836)		639,848
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING	_	2,080,684	-	2,080,684	-	2,080,684	-	-
FUND BALANCE - ENDING	\$	-	\$	-	\$	639,848	\$	639,848

(Concluded)

NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

For the Year Ended June 30, 2008

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULES

GAAP Requirements

Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) requires budgetary comparison schedules for the General Fund, and for each major special revenue fund that has a legally adopted annual budget. GAAP further requires the budgetary comparison schedules to include the *original budget* and *final budget* amounts. The *original budget* is the first complete appropriated budget adjusted by reserves, transfers, allocations, supplemental appropriations, and other legally authorized legislative and executive changes *before* the beginning of the fiscal year. The original budget would also include actual appropriation amounts automatically carried over from prior years when required by law. The *final budget* is the original budget adjusted by all reserves, transfers, allocations, supplemental appropriations, and other legally authorized legislative and executive changes appropriations, and other legally authorized over from prior years when required by law. The *final budget* is the original budget adjusted by all reserves, transfers, allocations, supplemental appropriations, and other legally authorized legislative and executive changes applicable to the fiscal year as approved by the County Board or otherwise legally authorized.

Budgetary Process

The County adopts an annual budget in accordance with the statutory requirements of the Nebraska Budget Act. The budget is prepared on the cash receipts and disbursements basis of accounting. The budget contains only those revenues which have actually been received by the County Treasurer. The County does not utilize an encumbrance accounting system. All appropriated spending authority lapses at the end of the fiscal year.

On or before August 1, the county budget-making authority prepares and transmits a budget for each County fund to the County Board. The budget includes the requirements, the outstanding warrants, the operating reserves to be maintained, the cash on hand at the close of the preceding fiscal year, the revenue from sources other than taxation, and the amount to be raised by taxation. The County Board must hold at least one public hearing on the proposed budget. On or before September 20, the County Board shall adopt the budget and appropriate the amounts specified in the budget for the departments, offices, activities, and funds of the County.

The County Board is authorized to transfer budgeted amounts between departments within any fund through resolution; however, if revisions are made that alter the total expenditures of any fund, an additional public hearing be held. The legal level of budgetary control for the General Fund is at the function level, and the special revenue fund types are at the fund level. The County Board is also authorized to budget for the transfer of money between County funds.

BUFFALO COUNTY COMBINING STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN CASH BASIS FUND BALANCES NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

For the Year Ended June 30, 2008

	Special Bridge Fund		* *		nployment Fund	Medical Relief Fund		Institutions Fund		Veterans' Aid Fund		P	STOP ogram Fund
RECEIPTS	¢	¢	450 524	¢		¢	11	¢	2	¢.	072	¢	
Property Taxes	\$ -	\$	458,534	\$	-	\$	11	\$	2	\$ 4	26,973	\$	-
Interest	-		358		-	14	-		-		-		-
Intergovernmental	-		-		-	14,	790		-		3,237		-
Charges for Services Miscellaneous	-		-		-		-		-		-		-
			450.000		-	1.4	-		-		-		23,338
TOTAL RECEIPTS			458,892		-	14,	801		2		30,210		23,338
DISBURSEMENTS													
General Government	-		-		12,517		-		-		-		-
Public Safety	-		-		-		-		-		-		18,728
Public Works	1,675,771		-		-		-		-		-		-
Public Assistance	-		-		-	105,	297		12,501		30,000		-
Culture and Recreation	-		429,300		-		-		-		-		-
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	1,675,771		429,300		12,517	105,	297		12,501		30,000		18,728
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF RECEIPTS													
OVER DISBURSEMENTS	(1,675,771)		29,592		(12,517)	(90,	496)		(12,499)		210		4,610
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)													
Transfers in	1,715,000		-		-	118,	000		17,300		-		-
Transfers out	-		-		-	,	-		-		-		-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	1,715,000		-		-	118,	000		17,300		-		-
Net Change in Fund Balances	39,229		29,592		(12,517)	27.	504		4,801		210		4,610
FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING	19,631		28,773		26,251		645		441		3,115		15,492
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FUND BALANCES - ENDING	\$ 58,860	\$	58,365	\$	13,734	\$ 30,	149	\$	5,242	\$	3,325	\$	20,102
												(C	ontinued)

BUFFALO COUNTY COMBINING STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN CASH BASIS FUND BALANCES NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

For the Year Ended June 30, 2008

	Drug Fund	Re-Use Economic Development Fund		Bond Debt Fund		Weed Fund	911 Emergency Service Fund	al Nonmajor overnmental Funds
RECEIPTS								
Property Taxes	\$ -	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -	\$ 143,255	\$ 628,775
Interest	-		-		-	-	-	358
Intergovernmental	-		-		-	-	-	18,027
Charges for Services	-		-		-	151,437	-	151,437
Miscellaneous	49,523		50,637		-		12,845	136,343
TOTAL RECEIPTS	49,523		50,637		-	151,437	156,100	 934,940
DISBURSEMENTS								
General Government	-		-		-	-	-	12,517
Public Safety	-		-		-	-	132,922	151,650
Public Works	-		-		-	356,443	-	2,032,214
Public Assistance	-		-		-	-	-	147,798
Culture and Recreation	-		-		-	-	-	429,300
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS			_		-	356,443	132,922	2,773,479
							·	<u> </u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF RECEIPTS								
OVER DISBURSEMENTS	49,523		50,637		-	(205,006)	23,178	 (1,838,539)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)								
Transfers in	-		-		-	202,000	-	2,052,300
Transfers out	-		-		-	(1,645)	-	(1,645)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			-		-	200,355	-	 2,050,655
Net Change in Fund Balances	49,523		50,637		-	(4,651)	23,178	212,116
FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING	2,134		42,900		53	17,529	25,136	 184,100
FUND BALANCES - ENDING	\$ 51,657	\$	93,537	\$	53	\$ 12,878	\$ 48,314	\$ 396,216 (Concluded)

For the Year Ended June 30, 2008

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
SPECIAL BRIDGE FUND RECEIPTS		\$-	\$-	\$ -
KLELII 15	φ	ψ -	φ -	ψ -
DISBURSEMENTS	1,822,000	1,822,000	1,675,771	146,229
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers in	1,802,369	1,802,369	1,715,000	(87,369)
Transfers out	-	-	-	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	1,802,369	1,802,369	1,715,000	(87,369)
Net Change in Fund Balance	(19,631)	(19,631)	39,229	58,860
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING	19,631	19,631	19,631	-
FUND BALANCE - ENDING	\$-	\$ -	\$ 58,860	\$ 58,860
VISITOR PROMOTION FUND RECEIPTS	-	¢ 405 707	¢ 450.524	¢ 50.007
Taxes Interest	\$ 405,727	\$ 405,727	\$ 458,534 358	\$ 52,807 358
TOTAL RECEIPTS	405,727	405,727	458,892	53,165
DISBURSEMENTS	434,500	434,500	429,300	5,200
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) Transfers in	-	-	-	-
Transfers out			-	
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Net Change in Fund Balance	(28,773)	(28,773)	29,592	58,365
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING	28,773	28,773	28,773	
FUND BALANCE - ENDING	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 58,365	\$ 58,365

For the Year Ended June 30, 2008

	Origina Budget		Final Budget		Actual	Fina Po	ance with l Budget ositive egative)
VISITOR PROMOTION IMPROVEMENT FUND							
RECEIPTS	-						
Taxes	\$ 125,3	00 \$	\$ 125,300	\$	-	\$ (125,300)
TOTAL RECEIPTS	125,3		125,300		-		125,300)
DISBURSEMENTS	125,3	00	125,300				125,300
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)							
Transfers in		-	-		-		-
Transfers out		-	-		-	_	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)		-	-		-		-
Net Change in Fund Balance		_	-		-		-
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING		-	-		-		-
FUND BALANCE - ENDING	\$	- \$	\$-	\$	-	\$	-
UNEMPLOYMENT FUND							
RECEIPTS	\$	- \$	\$ -	\$	-	\$	-
DISBURSEMENTS	26,2	51	26,251		12,517		13,734
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)							
Transfers in		-	-		-		-
Transfers out			-		-		-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			-				
Net Change in Fund Balance	(26,2	51)	(26,251)	(12,517)		13,734
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING	26,2		26,251	•	26,251		-
FUND BALANCE - ENDING	\$	- \$	\$-	\$	13,734	\$	13,734

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Taxes \$ - \$ - \$ 11 \$ 11 Intergovernmental - - - 14,790 14,790 Miscellaneous 10,000 10,000 - (10,000) TOTAL RECEIPTS 10,000 10,000 - (10,000) DISBURSEMENTS 96,500 121,500 105,297 16,203 OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) - - - - Transfers in 83,855 108,855 118,000 9,145 Tanasfers out - - - - - TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) 83,855 108,855 118,000 9,145 Net Change in Fund Balance (2,645) 2,7,504 30,149 - FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING \$ 2,645 2,645 - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 2 2 2 2 - 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	MEDICAL RELIEF FUND		riginal Judget	Final 3udget	 Actual		ance with al Budget Positive (egative)
Intergovernmental - - 14,790 14,790 Miscellaneous 10,000 10,000 - (10,000) TOTAL RECEIPTS 10,000 10,000 14,801 4,801 DISBURSEMENTS 96,500 121,500 105,297 16,203 OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) 83,855 108,855 118,000 9,145 Transfers out - - - - - TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) 83,855 108,855 118,000 9,145 Net Change in Fund Balance (2,645) (2,645) 2,504 30,149 FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING $2,645$ $2,645$ $2,645$ $ -$ FUND BALANCE - ENDING $\frac{8}{5}$ $\frac{8}{5}$ $\frac{8}{5}$ $\frac{8}{5}$ $\frac{30,149}{5}$ $\frac{30,149}{5}$ DISBURSEMENTS DISBURSEMENTS 13,500 13,500 12,501 999 OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) 13,059 17,300 4,241 Transfers in 13,059 13,059 17,300 4,241	RECEIPTS						
Miscellaneous 10,000 10,000 - (10,000) TOTAL RECEIPTS 10,000 10,000 14,801 4,801 DISBURSEMENTS 96,500 121,500 105,297 16,203 OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) $3,855$ 108,855 118,000 9,145 Transfers out - - - - - TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) $83,855$ 108,855 118,000 9,145 Transfers out - - - - - - TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) $83,855$ 108,855 118,000 9,145 Net Change in Fund Balance (2,645) (2,645) 2,7,504 30,149 FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING 2,645 2,645 2,645 - - FUND BALANCE - ENDING $\frac{2}{5} - \frac{5}{5} - \frac{5}{3} \frac{2}{30,149} \frac{5}{30,149} \frac{30,149}{5} \frac{5}{30,149} 5$		\$	-	\$ -	\$	\$	
TOTAL RECEIPTS 10,000 10,000 14,801 4,801 DISBURSEMENTS 96,500 121,500 105,297 16,203 OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) $33,855$ 108,855 118,000 9,145 Transfers out - - - - - TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) $83,855$ 108,855 118,000 9,145 Transfers out - - - - - - TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) $83,855$ 108,855 118,000 9,145 Net Change in Fund Balance (2,645) (2,645) 27,504 30,149 FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING 2,645 2,645 - - FUND BALANCE - ENDING $$$ - $$ - $$ - $$ 30,149 $$ 30,149 $$ 30,149 TOTAL RECEIPTS Taxes - - - 2 2 2 DISBURSEMENTS 13,500 13,500 12,501 999 999 OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) 13,059 17,300 4,241 Transfers in 13,059 13,059$	-		-	-	14,790		
DISBURSEMENTS 96,500 121,500 105,297 16,203 OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) Transfers in 83,855 108,855 118,000 9,145 Transfers out - - - - - - TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) 83,855 108,855 118,000 9,145 Net Change in Fund Balance (2,645) (2,645) 27,504 30,149 FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING 2,645 2,645 - - FUND BALANCE - ENDING $\frac{2,645}{\$ - $$ 2,645 - - RECEIPTS Taxes $$ - $$ 30,149 $$ 30,149 TOTAL RECEIPTS - $$ - $$ 2 $$ 2 2 DISBURSEMENTS 13,500 13,500 12,501 999 999 0THER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) 13,059 17,300 4,241 Transfers in 13,059 13,059 17,300 4,241 TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) 13,05$					-		
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) Transfers in 83,855 108,855 118,000 9,145 Transfers out - - - - - TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) 83,855 108,855 118,000 9,145 Net Change in Fund Balance (2,645) (2,645) 27,504 30,149 FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING 2,645 2,645 2,645 - FUND BALANCE - ENDING \$ - \$ 30,149 \$ 30,149 INSTITUTIONS FUND RECEIPTS Taxes \$ - 2 2 2 DISBURSEMENTS 13,500 13,500 12,501 999 OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) - - - - - Transfers in 13,059 13,059 17,300 4,241 Transfers out - - - - - TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) 13,059 13,059 17,300 4,241	TOTAL RECEIPTS		10,000	 10,000	 14,801		4,801
Transfers in 83,855 108,855 118,000 9,145 Transfers out -	DISBURSEMENTS		96,500	 121,500	 105,297		16,203
Transfers out -	OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)						
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) $83,855$ $108,855$ $118,000$ $9,145$ Net Change in Fund Balance $(2,645)$ $(2,645)$ $27,504$ $30,149$ FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING $2,645$ $2,645$ $2,645$ $2,645$ $-$ FUND BALANCE - ENDING $\frac{2}{8}$ $ \frac{5}{8}$ $ \frac{5}{8}$ $30,149$ INSTITUTIONS FUND RECEIPTS Taxes $\frac{5}{-}$ $\frac{5}{2}$ $\frac{2}{2}$ DISBURSEMENTS 13,500 13,500 12,501 999 OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) 13,059 13,059 17,300 4,241 Transfers in 13,059 13,059 17,300 4,241 TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) 13,059 13,059 17,300 4,241	Transfers in		83,855	108,855	118,000		9,145
Net Change in Fund Balance $(2,645)$ $(2,645)$ $27,504$ $30,149$ FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING $2,645$ $2,645$ $2,645$ $-$ FUND BALANCE - ENDING $\frac{1}{8}$ $ \frac{1}{8}$ $2,645$ $2,645$ $-$ INSTITUTIONS FUND $\frac{1}{8}$ $ \frac{1}{8}$ $30,149$ $\frac{1}{8}$ $30,149$ INSTITUTIONS FUND $\frac{1}{8}$ $ \frac{1}{8}$ $2,645$ $2,645$ $ \frac{1}{8}$ $30,149$ INSTITUTIONS FUND $\frac{1}{8}$ $ \frac{1}{8}$ $30,149$ $\frac{1}{8}$ $30,149$ RECEIPTS $13,059$ $ \frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{2}{2}$ $$	Transfers out		-	-	 -		-
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING $2,645$ $2,645$ $2,645$ $ -$ </td <td>TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</td> <td></td> <td>83,855</td> <td> 108,855</td> <td> 118,000</td> <td></td> <td>9,145</td>	TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)		83,855	 108,855	 118,000		9,145
FUND BALANCE - ENDING \$ - \$ - \$ 30,149 \$ 30,149 INSTITUTIONS FUND RECEIPTS Taxes \$ - \$ 2 \$ 2 TOTAL RECEIPTS - - \$ 2 \$ 2 DISBURSEMENTS 13,500 13,500 12,501 999 OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) 13,059 13,059 17,300 4,241 Transfers in 13,059 13,059 17,300 4,241 TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) 13,059 13,059 17,300 4,241	Net Change in Fund Balance		(2,645)	(2,645)	27,504		30,149
INSTITUTIONS FUND RECEIPTS Taxes \$ - \$ 2 \$ 2 TOTAL RECEIPTS - - - 2 2 2 DISBURSEMENTS 13,500 13,500 12,501 999 OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) 13,059 13,059 17,300 4,241 Transfers out - - - - - TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) 13,059 13,059 17,300 4,241	FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING		2,645	2,645	2,645		-
RECEIPTS Taxes \$ - \$ 2 \$ 2 TOTAL RECEIPTS - - 2 2 2 2 DISBURSEMENTS 13,500 13,500 12,501 999 OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) 13,059 13,059 17,300 4,241 Transfers in 13,059 13,059 17,300 4,241 Total other financing sources (USES) 13,059 13,059 17,300 4,241	FUND BALANCE - ENDING	\$	-	\$ -	\$ 30,149	\$	30,149
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FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING 441 441 -			(441) 441	 (441) 441			5,242
FUND BALANCE - ENDING \$ - \$ 5,242 \$ 5,242	FUND BALANCE - ENDING	\$		\$ -	\$ 5,242	\$	5,242

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VETERANS' AID FUND		Driginal Budget		Final Budget		Actual		ance with al Budget Positive legative)
RECEIPTS	-							
Taxes	\$	30,310	\$	30,310	\$	26,973	\$	(3,337)
Intergovernmental	Ψ	1,575	Ψ	1,575	Ψ	3,237	Ψ	1,662
TOTAL RECEIPTS		31,885		31,885		30,210		(1,675)
DISBURSEMENTS		30,000		30,000		30,000		-
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)								
Transfers in		-		-		-		-
Transfers out		-		-		-		-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)		-		-		-		-
Net Change in Fund Balance		1,885		1,885		210		(1,675)
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING		3,115		3,115		3,115		-
FUND BALANCE - ENDING	\$	5,000	\$	5,000	\$	3,325	\$	(1,675)
STOP PROGRAM FUND	_							
RECEIPTS								
Miscellaneous	\$	24,008	\$	24,008	\$	23,338	\$	(670)
TOTAL RECEIPTS		24,008		24,008		23,338		(670)
DISBURSEMENTS		39,500		39,500		18,728		20,772
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) Transfers in		-		-		-		-
Transfers out		-		-		-		-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)		-		-		-		-
Net Change in Fund Balance FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING		(15,492) 15,492		(15,492) 15,492		4,610 15,492		20,102
FUND BALANCE - ENDING	\$	-	\$	-	\$	20,102	\$	20,102

For the Year Ended June 30, 2008

		Driginal Budget		Final Budget		Actual		ance with al Budget ositive egative)
DRUG FUND	_							
RECEIPTS	*		+		.			
Miscellaneous	\$	28,366	\$	28,366	\$	49,523	\$	21,157
TOTAL RECEIPTS		28,366		28,366		49,523		21,157
DISBURSEMENTS		30,500		30,500				30,500
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)								
Transfers in		-		-		-		-
Transfers out		-		-		-		-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)		-		-		-		-
Net Change in Fund Balance		(2,134)		(2,134)		49,523		51,657
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING		2,134		2,134		2,134		-
FUND BALANCE - ENDING	\$	-	\$	-	\$	51,657	\$	51,657
FEDERAL GRANT FUND RECEIPTS	_							
Intergovernmental	\$	1,500	\$	1,500	\$	-	\$	(1,500)
TOTAL RECEIPTS	+	1,500	+	1,500	Ŷ	-	<u> </u>	(1,500)
DISBURSEMENTS		1,500		1,500		-		1,500
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)								
Transfers in		-		-		-		-
Transfers out		-		-		-		-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)						_		
Net Change in Fund Balance		-		-		-		-
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING		-		-		-		-
FUND BALANCE - ENDING	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-

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		Driginal Budget		Final Budget	Actual		Fin F	ance with al Budget ositive legative)
RE-USE ECONOMIC								
DEVELOPMENT FUND	_							
RECEIPTS Miscellaneous	\$		\$		\$	50,637	\$	50,637
TOTAL RECEIPTS	ψ		ψ		Ψ	50,637	ψ	50,637
						20,027		
DISBURSEMENTS		42,900		42,900		_		42,900
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)								
Transfers in		-		-		-		-
Transfers out		-		-		-		-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)		-		-		-		-
Net Change in Fund Balance		(42,900)		(42,900)		50,637		93,537
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING		42,900		42,900		42,900		-
FUND BALANCE - ENDING	\$	-	\$	-	\$	93,537	\$	93,537
BOND DEBT FUND								
RECEIPTS	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
DISBURSEMENTS		-		-		-		-
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)								
Transfers in		-		-		-		-
Transfers out		(53)		(53)		-		53
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)		(53)		(53)		-		53
Net Change in Fund Balance		(53)		(53)		-		53
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING		53		53		53		-
FUND BALANCE - ENDING	\$	-	\$	-	\$	53	\$	53

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	6,437 6,437
RECEIPTS	
Charges for Services \$ 145,000 \$ 145,000 \$ 151,437 \$	
DISBURSEMENTS 367,088 356,443 1	0,645
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	
	2,559)
Transfers out - - (1,645) (1,645)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) 204,559 204,559 200,355 ()	4,204)
Net Change in Fund Balance (17,529) (17,529) (4,651) 1	2,878
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING 17,529 17,529	-
	2,878
911 EMERGENCY SERVICE FUND RECEIPTS	
	8,391
	2,845
	1,236
DISBURSEMENTS 160,000 132,922 2	7,078
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)Transfers in-Transfers out<	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	-
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING 25,136 25,136	8,314 -
FUND BALANCE - ENDING \$ - \$ 48,314 \$ 4	8,314

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BUFFALO COUNTY SCHEDULE OF OFFICE ACTIVITIES For the Year Ended June 30, 2008

	ounty Clerk	Register of Deeds	Clerk of the District Court			County Sheriff	County Attorney	Weed erintendent		ighway rintendent
BALANCE JULY 1, 2007	\$ 375	\$ 107,730	\$	532,931	\$	78,346	\$ 33,383	\$ 67,791	\$	45,185
RECEIPTS										
Property Taxes	-	-		-		140,795	-	-		-
Licenses and Permits	5,820	-		-		-	-	-		-
Intergovernmental	-	-		-		120,207	-	-		-
Charges for Services	3,837	271,307		52,042		951,450	-	154,997		68,200
Miscellaneous	-	-		-		-	-	-		24,233
State Fees	-	318,714		65,145		-	-	490		138
Other Liabilities	 -		2	2,321,188		116,024	5,600	 		-
TOTAL RECEIPTS	 9,657	590,021	2	2,438,375	1	,328,476	5,600	155,487		92,571
DISBURSEMENTS										
Payments to County Treasurer	9,917	282,370		52,410	1	,214,039	-	151,436		113,160
Payments to State Treasurer	-	351,302		63,580	_	-	-	490		138
Other Liabilities	-	1,356	2	2,544,902		117,351	15,667	-		-
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	9,917	635,028		2,660,892	1	,331,390	15,667	 151,926		113,298
BALANCE JUNE 30, 2008	\$ 115	\$ 62,723	\$	310,414	\$	75,432	\$ 23,316	\$ 71,352	\$	24,458
BALANCE CONSISTS OF:										
Due to County Treasurer	\$ 30	\$ 25,823	\$	5,205	\$	70,919	\$ 21,816	\$ 71,352	\$	24,425
Petty Cash	85	-		1,000		1,000	1,500	-		-
Due to State Treasurer	-	35,052		6,650		-	-	-		33
Due to Others	-	1,848		297,559		3,513	-	-		-
BALANCE JUNE 30, 2008	\$ 115	\$ 62,723	\$	310,414	\$	75,432	\$ 23,316	\$ 71,352	\$	24,458
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BUFFALO COUNTY SCHEDULE OF OFFICE ACTIVITIES

For the Year Ended June 30, 2008

	Veterans' Service Officer	County Election Commissioner	County Planning and Zoning	County Probation Officer	County Public Defender	County Extension Office	Total
BALANCE JULY 1, 2007	\$ 24,502	\$ -	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 894,343
RECEIPTS							
Property Taxes	-	-	-	-	-	-	140,795
Licenses and Permits	-	-	5,800	-	-	-	11,620
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	-	-	120,207
Charges for Services	-	941	-	-	-	-	1,502,774
Miscellaneous	30,099	-	16	-	-	-	54,348
State Fees	-	-	-	-	-	-	384,487
Other Liabilities	3,339	-		_			2,446,151
TOTAL RECEIPTS	33,438	941	5,816				4,660,382
DISBURSEMENTS							
Payments to County Treasurer	-	941	5,816	-	-	-	1,830,089
Payments to State Treasurer	-	-	-	-	-	-	415,510
Other Liabilities	24,812	-	-	-	-	-	2,704,088
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	24,812	941	5,816	-	-	-	4,949,687
BALANCE JUNE 30, 2008	\$33,128	\$ -	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 605,038
BALANCE CONSISTS OF:							
Due to County Treasurer	\$31,413	\$ -	\$-	\$ -	\$-	\$-	\$ 250,983
Petty Cash	-	-	50	50	2,000	2,000	7,685
Due to State Treasurer	-	-	-	-	-	-	41,735
Due to Others	1,715	-	-	-	-	-	304,635
BALANCE JUNE 30, 2008	\$33,128	\$ -	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 605,038
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BUFFALO COUNTY SCHEDULE OF TAXES CERTIFIED AND COLLECTED FOR ALL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS IN THE COUNTY

June 30, 2008

Item	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Tax Certified by Assessor					
Real Estate	\$34,551,636	\$36,594,587	\$38,873,647	\$42,957,626	\$45,004,273
Personal and Specials	4,605,598	4,575,874	4,434,737	4,768,422	5,157,510
Total	39,157,234	41,170,461	43,308,384	47,726,048	50,161,783
Corrections					
Additions	430,725	80,132	69,398	306,779	42,947
Deductions	(142,803)	(78,502)	(38,745)	(78,723)	(24,549)
Net Additions/					
(Deductions)	287,922	1,630	30,653	228,056	18,398
Corrected Certified Tax	39,445,156	41,172,091	43,339,037	47,954,104	50,180,181
Net Tax Collected by County Treasurer during Fiscal Year Ending:					
June 30, 2004	22,352,035	-	-	-	-
June 30, 2005	16,962,024	23,383,094	-	-	-
June 30, 2006	10,015	17,714,633	24,552,758	-	-
June 30, 2007	10,915	21,421	18,688,690	26,945,193	-
June 30, 2008	1,096	3,196	20,403	20,975,561	28,518,619
Total Net Collections	39,336,085	41,122,344	43,261,851	47,920,754	28,518,619
Total Uncollected Tax	\$ 109,071	\$ 49,747	\$ 77,186	\$ 33,350	\$21,661,562
Percentage Uncollected Tax	0.28%	0.12%	0.18%	0.07%	43.17%



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BUFFALO COUNTY 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

Board of Supervisors Buffalo County, Nebraska

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Buffalo County as of and for the year ended June 30, 2008, and have issued our report thereon dated December 9, 2008. The report notes the financial statements were prepared on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements. Except as noted above, 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.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Buffalo County's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures 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 Buffalo County's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control over financial reporting.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. However, as discussed below, we identified a certain deficiency in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be a significant deficiency.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the entity's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the entity's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control. We consider the following deficiency to be a significant deficiency in internal control over financial reporting:

• The County offices had a lack of segregation of duties since one person could handle all aspects of processing a transaction from beginning to end. Good internal control includes a plan of organization, procedures, and records designed to safeguard assets and provide reliable financial records. Due to a limited number of personnel, an adequate segregation of duties may not be possible without additional cost.

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

Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in the internal control that might be significant deficiencies and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all significant deficiencies that are also considered to be material weaknesses. However, we consider the significant deficiency described above to be a material weakness.

Compliance and Other Matters

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

We noted certain matters that we reported to management of Buffalo County in a separate letter dated December 9, 2008.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, the County Board, others within the entity, the State Legislature, the appropriate Federal and regulatory agencies, and citizens of the State of Nebraska, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Signed Original on File

December 9, 2008

Deann Haeffner, CPA Assistant Deputy Auditor