# STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTS

# Audit Process

2025 Treasurers Conference

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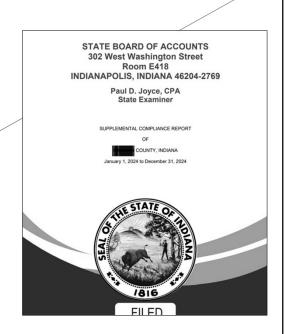
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Indiana's State Examiner and the agency head for the State Board of Accounts, Paul Joyce coordinates and manages the post-audits and examinations of over 4,000 state and local governmental entities in Indiana.

## **Authority**



• IC 5-11-1-9 requires the State Examiner to examine all accounts and all financial affairs of every public entity.



# Purpose of Audit

#### **Provide Opinion on Financial Statements**

- ❖ Unmodified \*\*Best\*\*
- Modified
  - Qualified
  - Adverse
  - Disclaimer

#### Report Noncompliance: State & Federal

- State
  - Audit Result & Comment
  - Noncompliance Management Letter
    • Discussion Only
- Federal
  - Section II
  - Section III



#### **Getting the Audit Started**

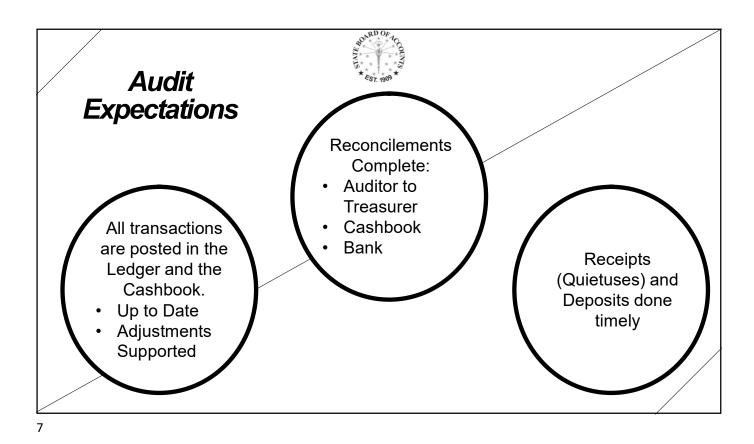
- Entrance Conference
- Understanding of the County as an Entity
- Understanding of the Internal Control processes
- Audit Plan
  - Departments
  - Materiality
  - Risk Assessment
  - Audit Steps

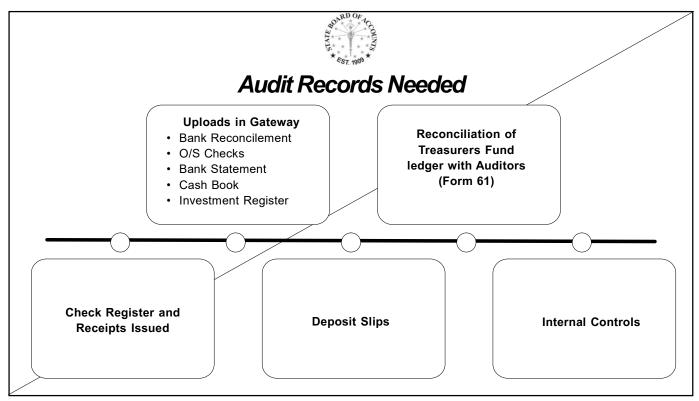
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### Annual Financial Report

IC 5-11-1-4(a): "The state examiner shall require from every audited entity financial reports covering the full period of each fiscal year. These reports shall be prepared, verified, and filed with the state examiner not later than sixty (60) days after the close of each fiscal year. The reports must be in the form and content prescribed by the state examiner and filed electronically in the manner prescribed under IC 5-14-3-8.7"





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#### Internal Controls

- ❖ Review Processes
- **❖** Identify Key Controls
- Test Controls (must be documented)
- **❖** Report Deficiencies

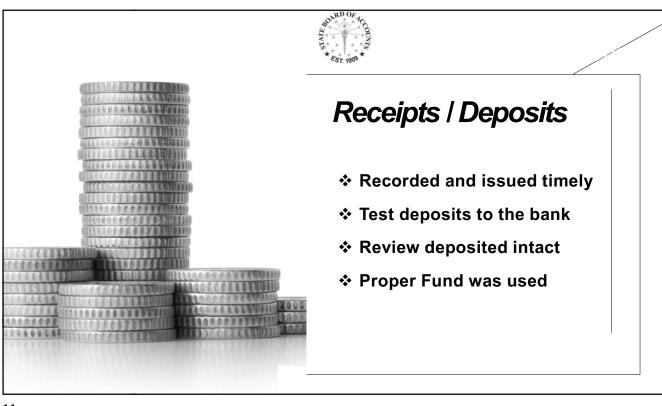
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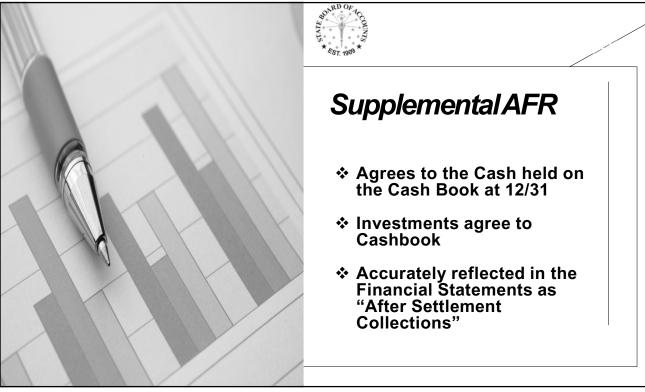


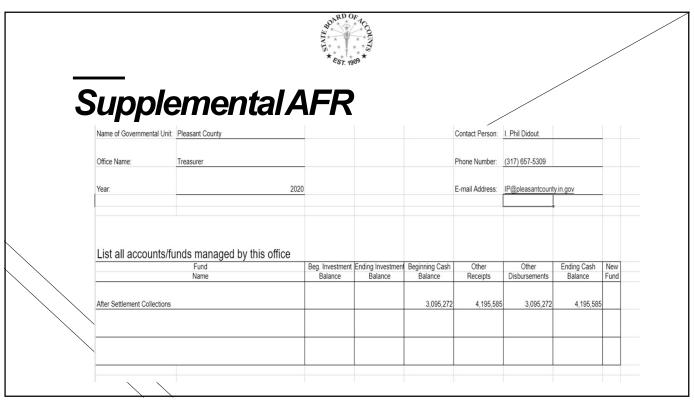


#### Reconciling

- Review monthly reconcilements
- \* Review any variances
- Perform an overall reconcilement of bank accounts to financial statements







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# Supplemental AFR

- Beginning balance should tie to your previous supplemental AFR ending balance.
  - Look for a file with last year's Supplemental AFR
  - Look at the prior year's AFR on Gateway
- ❖ Beginning balance should also be your cash book balance from the prior year for property tax and other taxes sections.
  - Look at prior years Cash Book for last business day of the year.
- Disbursements Use the same number as the beginning balance.
  This reverses out last year's beginning balance.



## Supplemental AFR

- ❖ Receipt and Ending Balance are the same amount, and that number comes from the current year's Cash Book on the last business day of the month.
- ❖ Add the Total Property Tax Collections and the Total Other Sources section together to determine the ending balance.

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## Supplemental AFR

- Review your report for accuracy
- ❖ Trace beginning balance to prior report/or prior year's cash book
- ❖ Make sure Disbursement amount equals the beginning balance
- ❖ Trace ending balance (and receipts) to Cash Book last business day
- ❖ Make sure that Cash Book balances and reconciles
- Document your review and approval of the report and retain that copy for your records.
- Send a copy to your County Auditor



# Wrap up

- Issues should be discussed throughout the process and at Exit
- Financial Report
  - Opinion of Financial Statements
- Supplemental Report
  - Any findings listed by Department
  - Official response

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